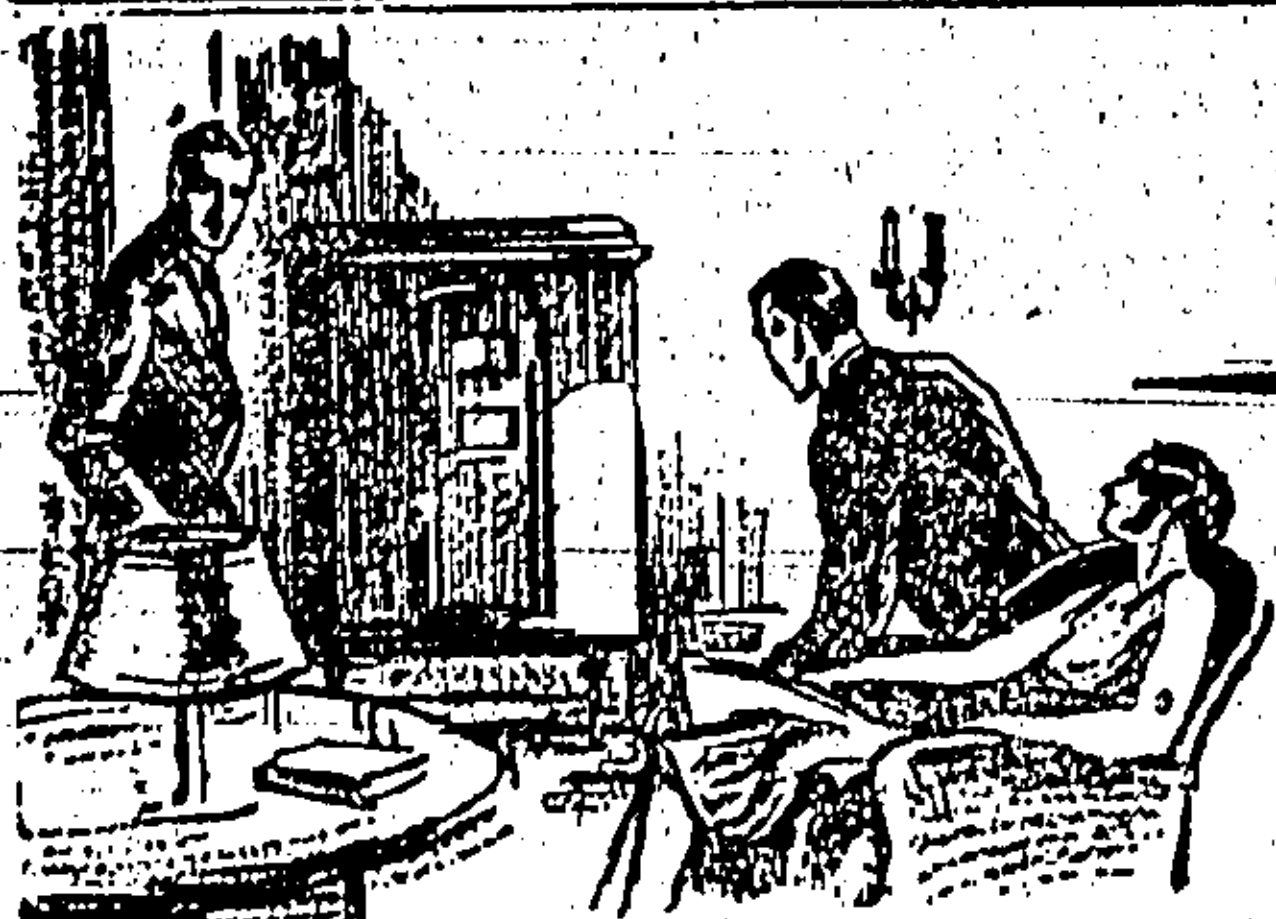
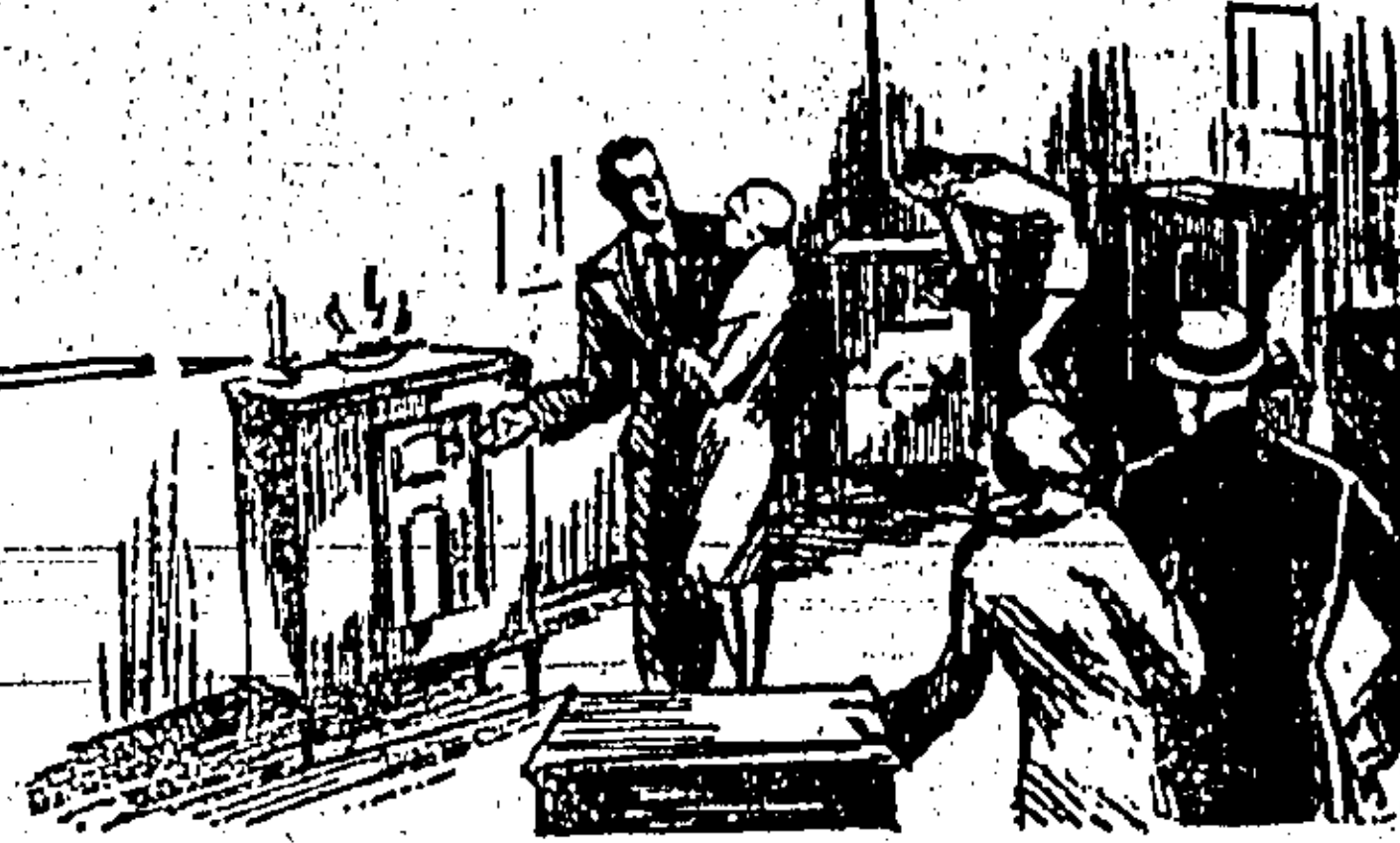




RADIO FEATURES



LOW-FREQUENCY AMPLIFICATION.

WHAT IS ANODE IMPEDANCE?

DIFFERENT METHODS OF LOW-FREQUENCY COUPLING.

Between the detector and the output valve an intermediate valve is nearly always required. This is because the low-frequency voltage, separated by the detector from the high frequency of transmission, is not big enough to load the power valve, which cannot, therefore, operate the loud-speaker.

Yet a study of the average three-valve set of to-day will not, at first, show the presence of a low-frequency valve. The first valve may be the high-frequency amplifier, the second the detector, and the third the power valve. Where, then is the low-frequency valve?

The answer is that the detector and the power valve, in addition to their main functions, also work as low-frequency amplifiers. So much so that, with a suitable coupling between the detector and power valves, a further valve for the express purpose of low-frequency amplification is often not wanted.

Before talking about the different methods of coupling together low-frequency valves there are two guiding rules. Firstly, we must ensure an even response curve. That is a technical way of saying that we must make sure that the output from the low-frequency amplifier is of the same form as the input, differing only in amplitude. At the input the high notes, middle register, and low notes will bear a certain relative prominence to one another. This same relative make-up of the musical scale should appear at the output. The job of low-frequency amplification is to amplify, not to modify. Sometimes the input is not pure, in that certain notes are unduly prominent. Only then can low-frequency amplification be allowed to distort the input, in order to overcome some initial and undesirable emphasis.

Firstly, then, an even response curve; Secondly, to obtain even amplification, an observation of the impedance rule. The impedance of the anode circuit of the low-frequency valve must be not less than twice the impedance of the valve itself. Now the great difficulty about this rule is hardly ever referred to, but I intend to put beginners on their guard. It is all very well to say the impedance of the anode circuit must be twice that of the valve, but just what is the impedance of the valve under working conditions?

No amateur has any way of answering that question. The impedance of the valve is usually measured at zero grid volts and 100 anode volts. Assuming that the anode voltage actually applied to the valve is about 100 volts, one must think of the altered conditions brought about by the bias on the grid, often very different in value from the zero volts determining the nominal impedance of the valve.

In practice, the impedance of the valve is usually something greater than the value given in the maker's list of characteristics. By making the anode impedance three times the impedance of the valve, one can usually be sure that the impedance requirement for good quality is being observed. Just what is this anode impedance?

It may be the primary of a transformer, a choke winding, or a non-inductive high resistance, depending on whether transformer, choke, capacity, or resistance capacity coupling is employed. The transformer is by far the most used low-frequency amplifying coupling.

The primary winding forms the anode impedance of the valve preceding it. If the valve has an impedance of 20,000 ohms, the primary of the transformer should have an impedance of not less than 60,000 ohms, at a stated frequency. Here the beginner will again find a snag in relating theory with practice, for the transformers on the market are seldom accompanied by any useful data. Only a general rule can be observed to conform with the impedance ratio requirement.

This rule is based on a limitation common to all transformers, namely, that only a certain amount of wire can be used for the secondary, beyond which very bad effects are produced. So when a high ratio of secondary to primary turns is wanted, the primary is reduced, instead of increasing the secondary.

The fewer the primary turns, other things being equal, the lower the impedance of the primary. So if a high-ratio transformer is used, in order to gain a big step-up in voltage, it is wise to choose a medium-impedance valve, say 20,000 ohms. A low-ratio transformer is more likely to have a high impedance secondary than one with a high ratio. But with a good low-ratio transformer one can use a much higher impedance valve. And since a high-impedance valve usually has a high amplification factor, it greatly offsets the disadvantage of the low ratio.

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HAVE YOU HEARD THESE?

Here are lists of long-wave and short-wave stations which should be picked up by anyone in Hong Kong who has a moderately good set suitable for receiving such signals. Success in picking up these stations also depends very largely upon favourable atmospheric conditions. Readers are invited to add to this list should they succeed in picking up any station not included in either of these lists.

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Wave length (Metres)	Station	Call Sign	Kilo-cycle
260	Manila	K.Z.I.B.	1,183
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280	Tientsin	C.R.C.	1,070
310	Shanghai	K.R.C.	867
320	Peking	C.O.P.K.	945
353	Tokyo	J.O.A.K.	870
353	Hiroshima	J.O.F.K.	850
355	Hong Kong	J.B.W.	845
357	Bombay	V.U.B.	840
301	Sapporo	J.O.I.K.	830
306	Kobe	J.O.D.K.	820
370	Nagoya	J.O.C.K.	810
370.4	Calcutta	V.U.O.	809.9
380	Kumamoto	J.O.G.K.	790
390	Sendai	J.O.H.K.	770
395	Dairen	J.D.A.K.	760
398	Rangoon	V.U.R.	754
400	Osaka	J.O.B.K.	750
410	Canton	C.M.B.	738
413	Manila	K.Z.R.M.	728

SHORT-WAVE STATIONS.

Wave length (Metres)	Station	Call Sign	Kilo Cycle	Time (Hong Kong) of Working
67.65	Doblintz (Germany)	A.F.K.	4,438	Mon, Wed. & Fri. 5 p.m. & 2 a.m.
60.12	Khabarovsk (Russia)	R.A.S.T.	4,990	6-10 p.m.
59.7	Nauen	A.G.T.	5,201	Not regular
50.7	Moscow	R.V.N.	6,000	Tues, Thurs, Sat. 8 p.m.
49.5	Bonn	I.M.A.	6,060	Sunday midnight
42	Paris	G.A.G.	7,142	Daily 8.30 p.m. & 11 p.m.
41.3	Singapore	V.S.I.A.B.	7,310	Not regular
38.8	Kootwijk (Holland)	P.C.L.	7,730	Daily 11 p.m.
37	Bangkok (Siam)	H.S.A.P.J.	8,108	Tues. & Fri. 9 p.m.—1 a.m.
32.5	Sydney	S.L.O.	9,230	Not regular
31.85	Melbourne	S.L.O.	9,603	Not regular
31.48	Schneetady	W.Z.X.A.F.	9,650	Daily 7 a.m.
31.20	Eindhoven (Holland)	P.C.J.	9,620	Fri. 3 a.m., Sat. 3 a.m. & 10 a.m.
31.23	Sydney	P.F.C.	9,610	Not regular
31	Nairobi (Kenya)	T.L.O.	9,677	Midnight daily
28.5	Sydney	S.M.E.	10,536	Not regular
27.8	Bamberg	P.L.E.	11,020	Midnight—3 a.m. daily
26.63	Chelmsford (England)	S.B.W.	11,761	7.30 p.m. & 3 a.m. daily, except Saturday and Sunday
24.5	Manila	K.I.X.E.	12,240	Nightly
23.85	Schneetady	W.Z.X.O.	12,650	4 a.m. Wed., Fri., Sat.
18.88	Hanoing	P.L.C.	16,460	Daily 6.30 p.m. to midnight
18.4	Kootwijk (Holland)	P.C.G.	16,304	Daily 7 p.m.
17.4	Hanoing	P.L.F.	17,280	Daily 8 p.m. to midnight
16.9	Bangkok	H.S.I.P.J.	17,761	Sundays 7 p.m. & midnight
16.3	Kootwijk (Holland)	P.C.K.	18,404	Each afternoon
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15.5	Nancy (France)	P.L.E.	19,351	Daily 2 a.m.
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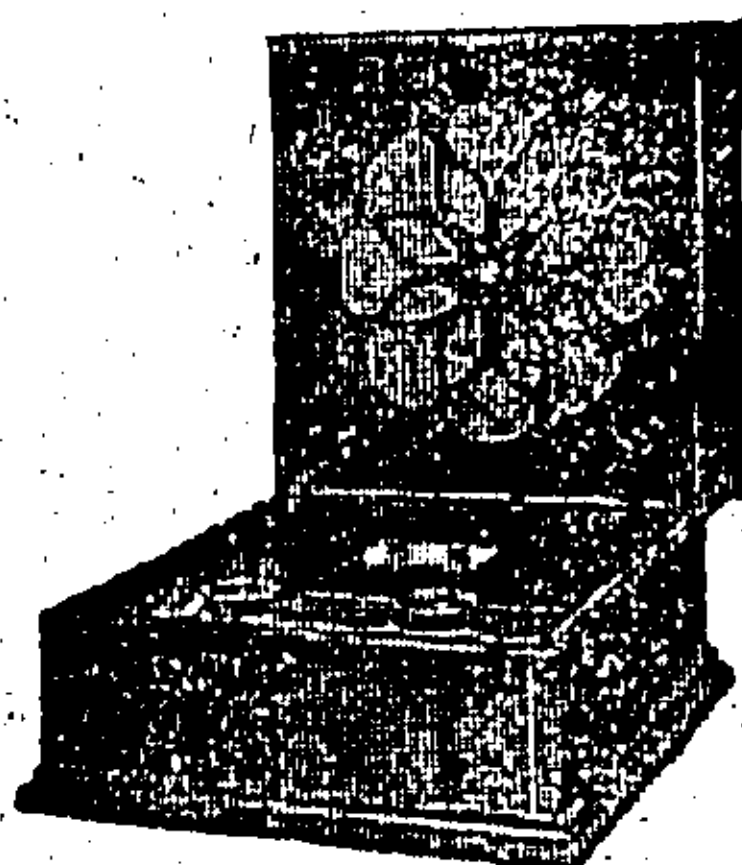
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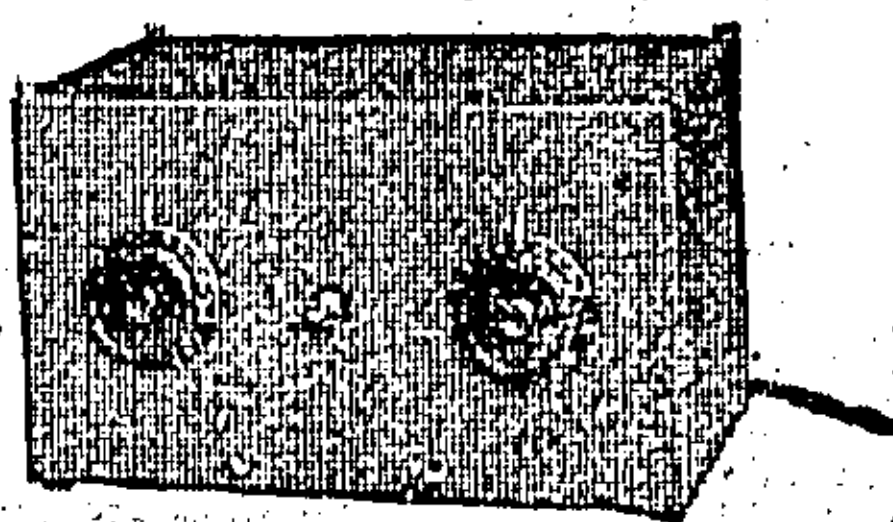


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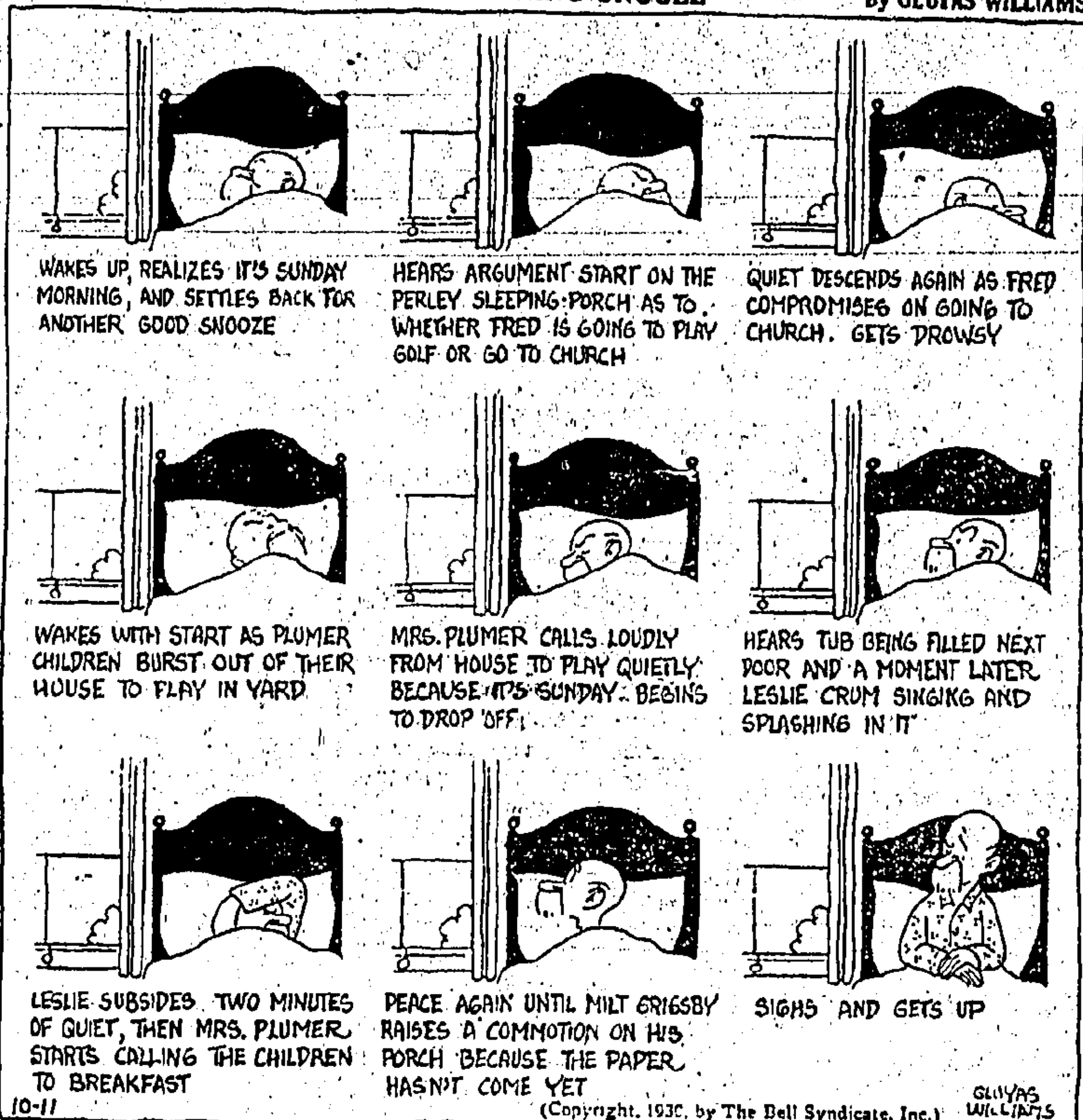
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LOW-FREQUENCY AMPLIFICATION.

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In the choke-capacity method of coupling there is no step-up in voltage. The overall amplification of a stage of choke-capacity coupling, cannot be greater than the amplification of the first valve, and in practice is always less. Variations in this method of coupling provide for a step-up in voltage by taping the choke coil. This system is now seldom used, but the third form of coupling is still a good second to transformer coupling. This is the resistance-capacity coupling, widely adopted to ensure good-quality amplification. But that was before the existing high-quality transformers were available.

In resistance-capacity coupling it is easy to conform with the impedance rule already mentioned, because there is no difficulty in making a high resistance free from unwanted capacity effects. The value of the resistance should be not less than three times the valve impedance. And that value determines the value of the coupling condenser and grid leak.

We have so far been dealing with the low-frequency valve preceding the coupling, but we must end these notes by a reminder that the power valve following the coupling is also a low frequency amplifier, subject to the same impedance rule as applied to the preceding valve. In the anode circuit of the power valve is the loud-speaker. Its impedance should be greater than the impedance of the valve, or at any rate not less.

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Keaton plays the redoubtable Elmer Stuyvesant, and blunders through the war to come out a hero in spite of himself. Sally Eilers is charming as the heroine, his sweetheart, in the entertainment unit.

William Haines' latest all-taking picture, "The Girl Said No," will open on Sunday at the Queen's Theatre.

The picture, said to be a sequel to "Brown of Harvard," in which Haines first came to the fore, was adapted by A. P. Younger from a story by Sarah Y. Mason and was directed by Sam Wood. Charles MacArthur, co-author of "The Front Page," wrote the dialogue.

The leading feminine rôle is played by Lella Hyams, last seen opposite Haines in "Alias Jimmy Valentine," and the supporting cast includes Marie Dressler and Polly Moran, Francis X. Bushman, Jr., William Janner, Junior Coghlan, Clara Blandick, Phyllis Crane and William V. Mong.

Haines plays the rôle of a young man recently graduated from college and up against the business world. His ineffectual attempts to keep a job in a brokerage house and make love at the same time to one of the blond stenographers are said to result in a series of amusing situations interrupted only when his father dies, leaving him to support the family. At this point Haines is said to demonstrate his ability at straight dramatic acting. How the young ex-collegian turns over a new leaf, scores in a business deal and elopes with the girl he loves, under his rival's nose make up the concluding episodes of what is reported to be Haines' most amusing picture to date.

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HIGH COURT JUDGE INSPECTS "SILVER FISH."

The habits of an insect known to scientists as "Lepisma saccharinum," but more commonly called "silver fish," were discussed in the King's Bench Division.

Mrs. Rita Rhoades, of St. Mary Abbot's-terrace, Kensington, sued Mr. Henry Wallis Huntingford Richards, chief electrical engineer of the London and North-Eastern Railway Company, claiming £258 10s. as balance of rent due, she alleged, in respect of a furnished flat at Iverna-court, Kensington, which she let to him on a six months' agreement.

Mr. Richards denied that he owed the money. He left the flat before the six months had expired, he said, because the presence of "silver fish" in certain apartments rendered it unfit for habitation.

He contended that in the circumstances he was justified in repudiating the tenancy agreement, and he counterclaimed against Mrs. Rhoades, alleging that she was liable to compensate him for expenses to which he had been put.

Clean Feeding "Silver Fish."

An exhibit in the case, which Mr. Justice Horridge, counsel, and members of the jury scrutinized, was a small bottle containing a number of "silver fish" — diminutive, glistening objects, like Lilliputian whitebait — preserved in alcohol.

Mr. Robert Stenton, a consulting entomologist formerly in the service of the Ministry of Agriculture, gave evidence.

"Silver fish," said Mr. Stenton, "the insects of nocturnal habits, and their preference in the matter of nourishment is for any substance containing starch."

They were consequently attracted by breadcrumbs or sugar, but if no food of that sort was available they were content to eat wallpaper.

"They are cannibals," he added, "in the sense that they sometimes eat each other, but they do not bite human beings."

Major Ernest Edward Austin, keeper of entomology at the British Museum of Natural History, for Mrs. Rhoades.

"I consider that silver fish are particularly clean-feeding insects," said Major Austin. "They are not in the least in the category of vermin, like fleas."

The hearing was adjourned.

"THE GREEN PASTURES."

BABYLON.

[By MARC CONNELLY.]

Under a low ceiling in a room vaguely resembling a Negro night club in New Orleans. Two or three long tables, run across the room, and on the left is a table on a dais with a gaudy canopy above it. The table bears a card marked "Reserved for King and guests."

Flashing young men and women are seated at the tables. About a dozen couples are dancing in the foreground to the tune of a jazz orchestra. The costumes are what would be worn at a Negro masquerade to represent the debauches of Babylon.

First Man: When did yuh git to Babylon?

Second Man: I jes' got in yester-day.

Third Man [Dancing]: How do you like dis baby, Joe?

Fourth Man: Hot damn! She could be de King's pet!

A Woman: Anybody seen my papa?

Third Man: Don't fo'git de dance at de High Priest's house to-morrow.

[The dances stops as a bugle call is heard. Enter Master of Ceremonies.]

Master of Ceremonies: Stop! To-night's guest of honour, de King of Babylon an' party of five.

[Enter the King and five girls. The King has on an imitation ermine cloak over his conventional evening clothes and wears a diamond tiara. All rise as the King enters, and sing "Hail, de King of Bab—Bab—Babylon!"]

King: Wait till you see de swell table I got. [He crosses the stage to his table. The girls are jabbering.] Remind me to send you a peck of rubies in de mo nite!

Master of Ceremonies: Ev'nin', King!

King: Good ev'nin'. How's de party goin'?

Master of Ceremonies: Bes' one we ever had in Babylon, King.

King: Any Jew boys yere?

Master of Ceremonies [Indicating some of the others]: Lot o' dem yere. I kin go git mo' if you want 'em.

King: I was really referin' to de High Priest. He's a 'necar frien' o' mine an' he might drop in. You know what he look like?

Master of Ceremonies: No, suh, but I'll be on de look-out fo' him.

King: O.K. Now let's have a li' good time.

Master of Ceremonies: Yes, suh. [To the orchestra:] Let 'er go, boys.

[The music begins, waiters appear with food and great urns painted gold and silver, from which they pour out wine for the guests. The Master of Ceremonies exits. The King's dancing-girls go to the middle of the floor, and start to dance. The King puts his arms about the waists of two girls, and draws them to him.]

King: Hot damn! Da's de way! let de Jew boys see our gals kin dance better'n dere's. [There is an ad lib. babel of "Da's de truth, King!"]

King: "I don't know—we got some good gals, too!" et al. Dey ain't nobody in de worl' like de Babylonians.

[The dancing grows faster, the waiters keep time with hand-claps. The door at the left opens suddenly, and the Prophet, a patriarchal, ragged figure, enters. He looks belligerently about the room, and is followed almost immediately by the Master of Ceremonies.]

Prophet: Stop! [The music and the dancers halt.]

King: What's the idea, bustin' up my party?

Master of Ceremonies: He said he was expected, King. I thought mebbe he was de—

King: Did you think he was de High Priest of de Hebrews? Why, he's jest an' ol' hum! De High Priest is a fashica plate. Trow dis ole bum out o' yere!

Prophet: Stop!

[Those who have been advancing to seize him stop, somewhat amused.]

King: Wait a minute. Don't throw him out. Let's see what he has to say.

Prophet: Listen to me, King of Babylon! I've been sent yere by de Lawd God Jehovah. Don't you dare lay a hand on de Prophet!

King: Oh, you're a prophet, is yuh? Well, you know we don't keer much fo' prophets in dis part of de country.

Prophet: Listen to me, sons and daughters of Babylon! Listen, you children of Israel, dat's given yo' oppressors! You're all wallowin' like hogs in sin, an' de wrath of Gawd ain't goin' to be held back much longer! I'm tellin' you, repent befo' it's too late! Repent befo' Jehovah casts down de same fire dat burned up Sodom and

Gomorrah. Repent befo' de— [During this scene yells increase as the Prophet continues.]

[The High Priest enters left. He is a fat voluptuary, elaborately clothed in brightly coloured robes. He walks in hand in hand with a gaudily dressed "chippy."] High Priest [Noise stops]. Whoa, dere! What you botherin' de King fo'?

Prophet [Wheeling]: And you, de High Priest of all Israel, wakin' de town wid a dirty li'l tramp.

King: Seems to be a frien' o' yours, Jake.

High Priest [Crossing to the King with his girl. Aw, he's one of dem wild men, like Jeremiah and Isaiah. Don't let him bother you none. [Pushes Prophet aside and goes to King's table.]

Prophet: You consort with harlots, an' you pollute in the sight of de Lawd. De Lawd God's goin' to smite you down, jest as He's goin' to smite down all dis wicked world! [Grabs High Priest, and turns him around.]

King [Angrily against the last part of the preceding speech]: Wait a minute. I'm getting tired of this. Don't throw him out. Jest kill him! [There is the sound of a shot. The Prophet falls.]

Prophet: Smite 'em down, Lawd, like you said. Dey ain't a decent person left in de whole world. [He dies. Master of Ceremonies, revolver in hand, looks down at the Prophet.]

Master of Ceremonies: He's dead, King.

King: Some of you boys take him out.

[A couple of young men come from the background and walk off with the body.]

High Priest: Don't know whether you should'a done that, King.

King: Why not?

High Priest: I don't know whether de Lawd would like it.

King: Now, listen, Jake. You know yo' Lawd ain't payin' much attention to dis man's town. Except fo' de Gods o' Babylon.

High Priest: I know, but jest de same—

King: Look yere, s'pose I give you a couple hundred pieces of silver. Don't you s'pose you kin arrange to persuade yo' Gawd to keep His hands off?

High Priest [Oilily]: Well of co'se we could try. I dunno how well it would work.

[As the High Priest speaks, the King elaps his hands. Master of Ceremonies enters with bag of money.]

King: Yere it is.

High Priest [Smiling]: I guess we kin square things up. [He prays—whiningly.] Oh, Lawd, please forgive my po' frien' de King o' Babylon. He didn't know what he was doin' an'—

[There is a clap of thunder, darkness for a second. The lights go up and God is standing in the centre of the room.]

God [In a voice of doom]: Dat's about enough. [The guests are horrified.] I's stood all I kin from you. I tried to make dis a good earth. I helped Adam, I helped Noah, I helped Moses, an' I helped David. What's de ground dat grew out of de seed? Sin! Nothin' but sin throughout de whole worl'. I've given you ev'ry chance, I sent you warriors and prophets, an' you betrayed My trust. Ev'ry thing I've given you, you've defiled. Ev'ry time I've given you, you've mocked Me. An' now de High Priest of Israel tries to trifle wid My name. Listen, you children of darkness, yo' Lawd is tired. I'm tired of de struggle to make you worthy of de breath I gave you. I put you in bondage ag'in to cure you an' yo' worse dan you was amongst de flesh pots o' Egypt. So I renounce you. Listen to the words of yo' Lawd God Jehovah, for dey is de last words yo' ever hear from Me. I repeat of dese people dat I have made and I will deliver them no more.

[There is darkness and cries of "Mercy!"] "Have pity, Lawd!" "We didn't mean it, Lawd!" "Forgive us, Lawd!" etc. The Choir sings "Death's Gwintar Lay His Cold Fy Hands On Me," until the lights go up on the next scene.]

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In material matters he has the passion for thrift that the French share with the Scots. He is a generous man when he chooses, and he maintains in Paris his own hospital for suffering stage performers; but he can be as close as Sir Harry Lauder if he doesn't see where his benevolence is going. His early struggles bred in him the determination to save his money, and he is making as much as he can.

Chevalier has no illusions on the impermanence of popularity. "Two bad films," he says, "and all this is gone. That is the tragic reality."

One of his horrors is to see any of his old or new friends should think him *le millionnaire*. Another is that of being taken for a "sheik." Chevalier has the normal man's admiration for a pretty girl, but he is not a "lady killer."

The fact is, of course, that Chevalier is a thoroughly manly person. The famous smile is natural, but he uses it mostly in his stage gaiety, and he can be very serious in private life.

Chevalier has one superstition, if you choose to call it so. He carries with him always his mother's wedding ring, and invariably before he goes on the stage he takes it, out and kisses it.

During all the years of hardship and rising affluence Maurice kept with him his mother. Only when she went to Hollywood did he leave her, and it is the grief of his life that she died while he was away two years ago.

She entered into his hopes and ambitions when a very small lad, he was tempted by what he saw of the café and music-halls in Paris to try his own powers as an entertainer.

His story is curiously like Charlie Chaplin's in many ways. He burned to show that he was not dependent upon a painted face and baggy trousers.

One day, when he had attained some local celebrity, he went on the stage as himself, with the straw hat that has been associated with him ever since.

At first the audience failed to recognise him. Then it began to dawn upon them that this was the favourite young Maurice Chevalier; and the discovery was the turning point of his career.

FATHERS' DUTY IN THE HOME.

CHILDREN NOT TO BE
KEPT FROM SCHOOL.

Abercrombie.—"Unemployed fathers should stay at home if their wives are ill in order that the children may go to school."

This was the statement made by Mr. John Richards, the presiding magistrate, at the Abercrombie Police Court when a number of parents were summoned for neglecting to send their children to school.

It was stated in evidence that the Central School at Newbridge was one of the best equipped in Monmouthshire, but the attendance there was worse than in any other school.

Most of the parents summoned complained that their children had no boots, and some of the fathers added that their wives were ill and the children were kept at home to do the housework.

Fines were imposed in a number of cases, and the magistrate said that fathers, if they were unemployed, ought to do the household work, so that the children should not be robbed of the advantage of their education.

IS THE OYSTER DOOMED?

POOR "RETURN OF THE
NATIVE."

Is the British native oyster doomed to extinction?

Mr. J. M. Tabor, of the Oyster Merchants' and Planters' Association, reveals that the number of natives landed each year is decreasing at an alarming rate.

While in 1880 about 100,000,000 natives were landed, the number last year was down to 10,000,000. Mr. Tabor declares.

The cause of the decline, an expert said recently, is the terrible mortality which wiped out about 90 per cent. of our oysters in 1922. (Continued at foot of next column.)

14 DEAD IN CIRCUS TRAIN FIRE.

HUNT FOR ESCAPED LION
AND ELEPHANT.

While the charred bodies of circus performers and workers were being brought out from the burned wreckage of a circus train at the Mexican village of Guadalupe operations recalling an African jungle hunt were going on in the surrounding country.

A lion, an elephant, a goat, and a trick dog—part of the menagerie, which, maddened by the flames, ran rampant through the village.

The disaster, according to a Reuter message from New York, was due to a collision between the circus train and a train of tank cars containing petrol. The petrol was sprayed over the wooden coaches of the circus train and soon burst into flames.

As the performers and other employees scrambled out they encountered the terrified animals, which even invaded another train that had stopped near by, giving the occupants a bad fright.

Fourteen bodies were recovered from the debris of the circus train, and bands of men were engaged in cautiously combing out the surrounding undergrowth and thickets in a search for the escaped animals.

STARVED SIXTY DAYS.

DEATH SECRET OF A
FAMOUS DOCTOR.

Paris.—Dr. Meral, the famous French physician and traveller, who was at one time the favourite doctor and adviser of King Menelik of Ethiopia, has died at his lonely house in the village of La Motte, near Saint Briens, after six days of voluntary starvation.

At present there is no clue to the cause of his suicide, for despite the entreaties of his friends he refused to explain his motives.

Many fellow physicians and officials of the neighbourhood visited Dr. Meral during his self-inflicted starvation and tried to reason with him.

His old servant did all she could to make him alter his decision by cooking and putting before him the most delectable dishes, but he would hold his nose and shut his eyes so that he should not be tempted.

All he consented to do during the last few days was to take a few teaspoonfuls of water every afternoon.

Dr. Meral, who was fifty-three years of age, was of Russian extraction, but became a naturalised Frenchman in 1906. He was a great traveller, and historical data concerning the Hedjaz, the Yemen, and Ethiopia. He also wrote some notable treatises on the arts and customs of those countries.

SCHOOL FIRE SEQUEL.

COUNTRESS' PLEA FOR BOY.

There was a sequel to the mysterious outbreaks of fire at a Warwick school, when a 15-year-old boarder was remanded charged with maliciously setting fire to the school on November 10.

Detective-Superintendent Wake said that the boy made a statement, but it was not proposed to read it at this stage. When arrested and charged, the boy said: "I understand."

Superintendent Wake asked for a remand, as there were numerous inquiries to be made, and it was difficult to get someone to look after the boy.

His mother was a widow, now in France.

In reply to the Clerk, Detective-Superintendent Wake said the boy would be medically examined.

"I think," he added, "this may give an explanation."

The Mayor (the Countess of Warwick) remarked to Superintendent Wake: "Do all you can to get him into a nice home."

This is believed to have been due to the dumping in the sea of munitions, and T.N.T. after the war.

Ministry's Experiments.

The planters have repopulated the beds with Portuguese and American oysters, which thrive in British waters, but they do not equal the quality of the British natives.

The main hope for "the return of the native" is in the success of experiments carried out by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, who with giant tanks have shown that natives can be bred under artificial conditions.

If planters can adapt this method to commercial needs, the price of native oysters may fall from 7s. 6d. and 8s. a dozen to 1s. 6d. a dozen, which was the price before 1922.

GUERNSEY'S GOOD-BYE TO GARRISON.

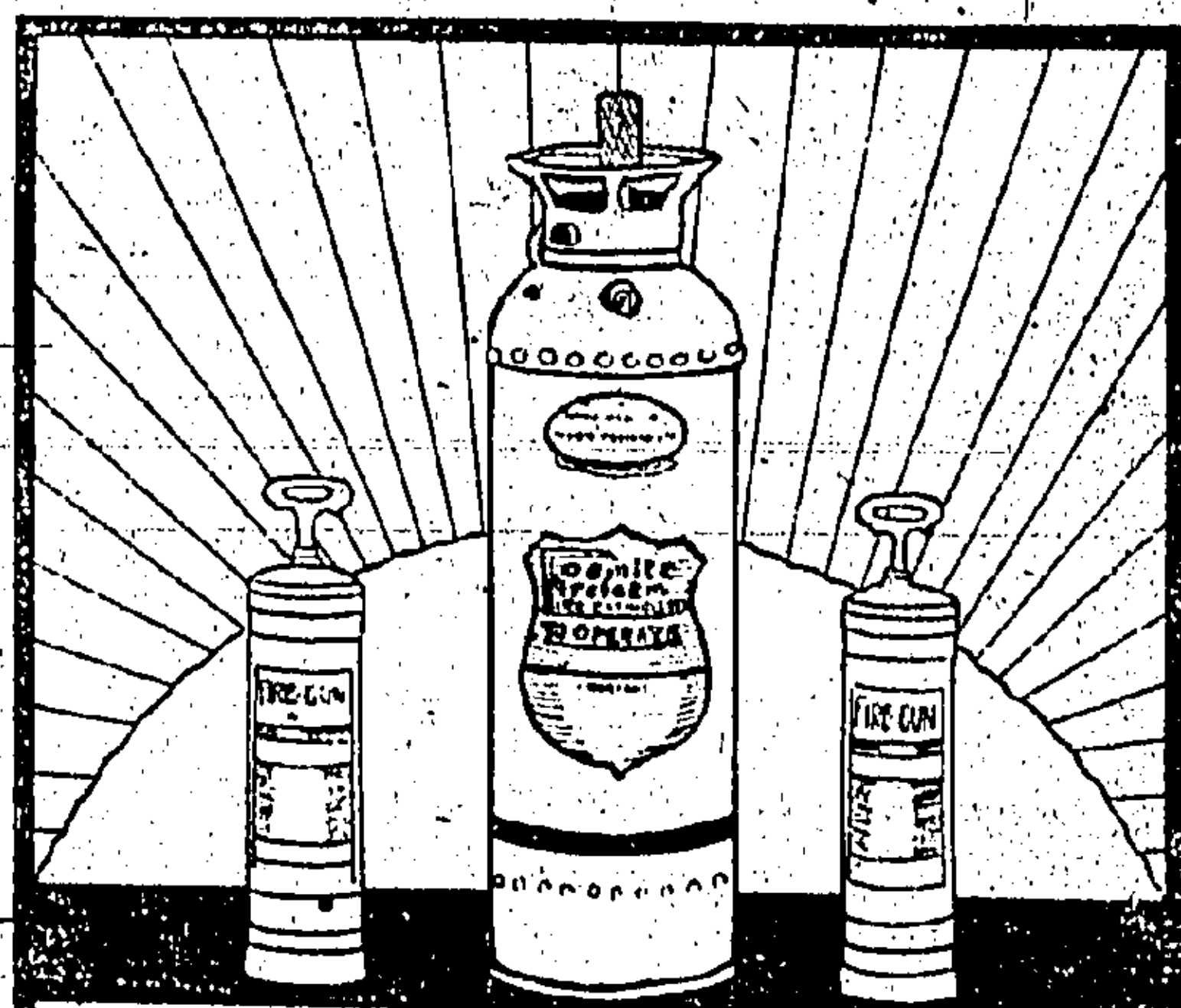
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The last of the Channel Islands garrisons was evacuated last month when the 2nd Battalion the Queen's Own (Royal West Kent) Regiment was withdrawn from Guernsey.

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The garrison at Jersey was withdrawn some time ago, when the 2nd Battalion the East Surrey Regiment were removed.

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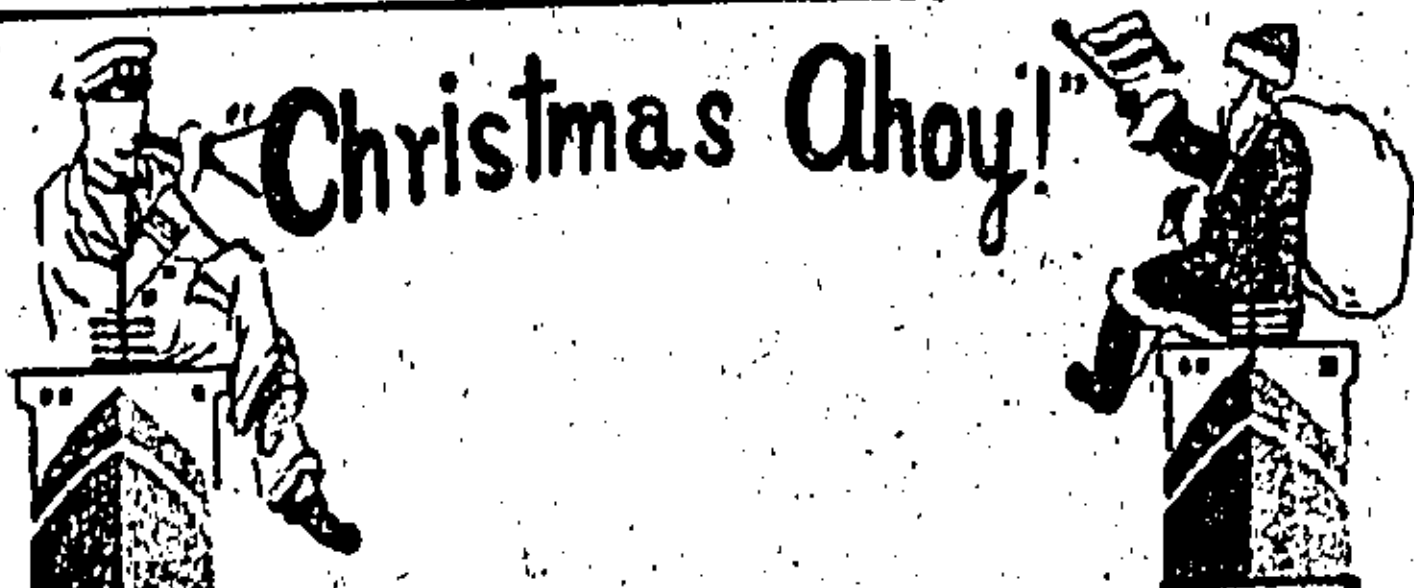
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HONG KONG IN FESTIVE MOOD.

BUSY TIME AT THE LEADING SHOPS.

Christmas shopping may be jolly for the shoppers, but to the assistants behind the counters it must spell many weary hours of rush work.

Our representative took a stroll round the leading stores in town yesterday and he reported that all the windows were so attractively arranged that he dared not stare too long as there was something in each which was just what he wanted.

A look into the windows of Lane, Crawford's and Whiteaway's where there are wonderful displays of toys made one wish one were a little boy again. There are things to please every kiddie—from a few months old to seventy years of age! There are also every species of toy dogs—dogs with smiling faces, dogs with frowning faces, and dogs which have an appealing look in their eyes, almost begging you to come in and take them away.

There are also ideal presents of all descriptions for both ladies and gentlemen at both these houses.

The first thing that strikes one on looking into the show-room of the Hong Kong Electric Company's window is a beautiful model of a railway scene not a detail has been forgotten. The engine and trucks are there, as are numerous and cunningly-built tunnels, each one surmounted with minute imitations of various types of trees and shrubbery. It was, indeed, a very attractive display.

Mackintosh's and Powell's have some very nice dressing gown, neck-ties and handkerchiefs and, in fact, everything masculine to offer.

As regards the departmental stores—Sincere Co., Wing On Co., and Sun Co.—there is a host of beautiful things to choose from and all the staff were working at full pressure.

In Kowloon.

All the main stores in Kowloon were gaily decorated and were doing a roaring trade to a late hour last night. The Dairy Farm in Nathan Road looked very attractive—at least from a gourmand's point of view—with its vast array of tempting eatables in which the ever-popular turkey seemed to be literally "cock of the walk," while Watson's window displayed most forms of alcoholic beverages which are so necessary during the festive season.

The Peninsula Store was all day long crowded with customers eager to purchase the many tempting dainties for which this store is becoming increasingly famous, and all the other stores, both Chinese and European, came in for their fair share of the season's trade.

Making Merry.

Repulse Bay Hotel presented a very gay spectacle last night on the occasion of the Christmas Eve Carnival. On entering the ball-room which was specially decorated for the occasion, one got the impression that all Hong Kong was there, so full of mirth-making couples was the place.

The carnival dance at the Hotel Cecil also came in for its share of patronage while the dinner dances at the Peninsula and St. Francis Hotel's were also very well-attended.

To-day's celebrations include tea and dinner dances at the St. Francis Hotel while there will be the annual Boxing Night Carnival at the Hong Kong Hotel to-morrow when patrons can either attend in fancy or evening dress. There will also be a carnival dance at the St. Francis to-morrow night from 7.30 p.m. till 2 a.m., arrangements for which have been carried out on a very elaborate scale.

Church Services.

There was midnight mass services at all the Catholic Churches last night and at 5.30 p.m. there was a Choral Evensong at St. John's Cathedral.

THE GOSPEL STORY.

Mary brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes; and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were, in the same country, shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you—Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And, suddenly, there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

Glory to God in the highest,
And on earth peace,
Good will towards men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.—St. Luke ii.

The services to-day include those at St. John's when Holy Communion will be held at 7 a.m., Choral Communion at 8 a.m., Children's Service at 10 a.m., Matins and a sermon by the Right Rev. C. C. Duppuy, D.D., (Bishop of Victoria) and Holy Communion at 12.15 p.m.

The Service at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, starts at 11 a.m., while that at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception begins at 8 a.m., the Union Church, Kennedy Road, is holding a service at 10 a.m., when the Rev. F. G. Powell will preach.

A very successful tour of the parish by the St. Andrew's Church carolers under Mr. J. W. Baldwin was made on Tuesday night when the sum of \$100.18 was collected in aid of the war-blinded inmates of St. Dunstan's Homes. The carol singing was continued last night from the Church Hall at 8 p.m., when the party also met with very much success.

Sports Fixtures.

Quite a programme of holiday sport has been arranged, the most important fixture perhaps being the Sunday Herald Charity Cup football match between England and Scotland which is due to start at 3.30 p.m. on the Club ground. In addition there will also be a few cricket matches, and no doubt followers of the game will find plenty to interest them at the Club ground, when the Hong Kong Cricket Club are due to commence their two-day match with the Army at 11 a.m.

On the whole, the community will find plenty to do, and no doubt the motor cars, buses and trams will come in for a busy time. For those who are partial to the picture-houses, there is a capital film on at the Queen's Theatre. Buster Keaton is always a "draw," but in his latest talkie, "Dough Boys," he really excels himself. Central Theatre is showing "Innocents of Paris" featuring Maurice Chevalier, while "College Love" will be screened at the Majestic.

EURO-AMERICAN STUDENTS' UNION.

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR THE YEAR.

The annual general meeting of the Euro-American Returned Students' Union was held on Tuesday, when Mr. Y. H. Tsao presided. He reviewed the passed year's activities, and, in referring to the death of Professor C. Y. Wang, said that they had lost a member whom they all respected and admired.

The following were then elected office-bearers for the ensuing year: President, Mr. M. S. Lo; Hon. Secretary, Mr. K. L. Chou; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. H. S. Mok; and Committee, Messrs. Chung Li, Kwan Lu Kwong, Harry Hong Sling and W. K. Chau.

THE GAOL STRIKE.

MANY PRISONERS RESUME WORK.

We are officially informed that the strike at the gaol shows signs of breaking up. Many prisoners have applied to resume work and a certain number had been allowed to return to labour. Many convicts, however, still continue to give trouble by shouting and inciting others with violence.

The female prisoners and the prisoners at Lai-chikok, 456, have remained unaffected throughout. For the most part the agitators of prisoners sentenced to two years imprisonment and upwards.

REACTION TO VISIT OF SPECIAL COMMISSION.

We learn unofficially that the change in the situation is said to be the result of an investigation conducted for two hours on Tuesday by a special commission, appointed by Government in accordance with the announcement of its proposal to put the ringleaders before British and Chinese Justices of the Peace, who are to advise the Superintendent of Prisons on the disciplinary measures to be taken.

It is understood that the investigation was carried out by Sir Robert Ho Tung, Sir Shou-sen Chow and Mr. G. S. Arelbut, the Superintendent of the Gaol being also present. Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar, another member of the commission, was unable to be present, and another meeting has been arranged for Tuesday afternoon at which the investigations will be continued.

Three of the convicts described by the prison authorities as the ringleaders in the present trouble were brought before the commission and questioned as to their grievances. Their complaints coincided on the question of food, both as to its quantity and quality.

JUDGMENT AGAINST KNITTING FACTORY.

COST OF VALUATION REPORT.

In the Summary Court yesterday Mr. Justice P. Jacks gave judgment, with costs, for Messrs. Cramichael and Clark in an action brought by them against the Mee Wah Knitting Company of Tsim Kung Road, Kowloon. The sum claimed was \$550, the cost of services in preparing an inventory and valuation report of the Company's property and machinery in a factory at Causeway Bay.

Mr. C. E. L. Griet was for the plaintiff and the defendants were not in Court nor were they represented.

Mr. T. H. G. Brayfield of the plaintiff firm, stated that his firm was instructed by the defendants to prepare a report in December, 1929. The matter was attended to, but the defendants, on several occasions in person for payment, nothing had been paid at all. The firm was an agreed one and was reasonable.

His Lordship agreed, and gave judgment as stated.

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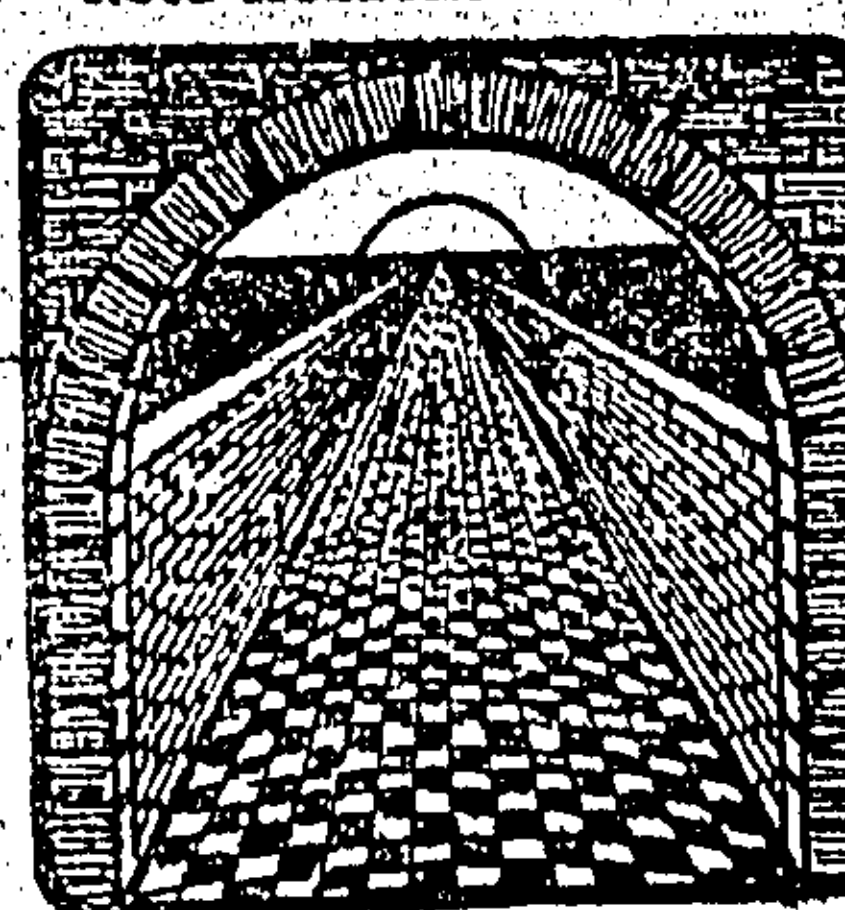
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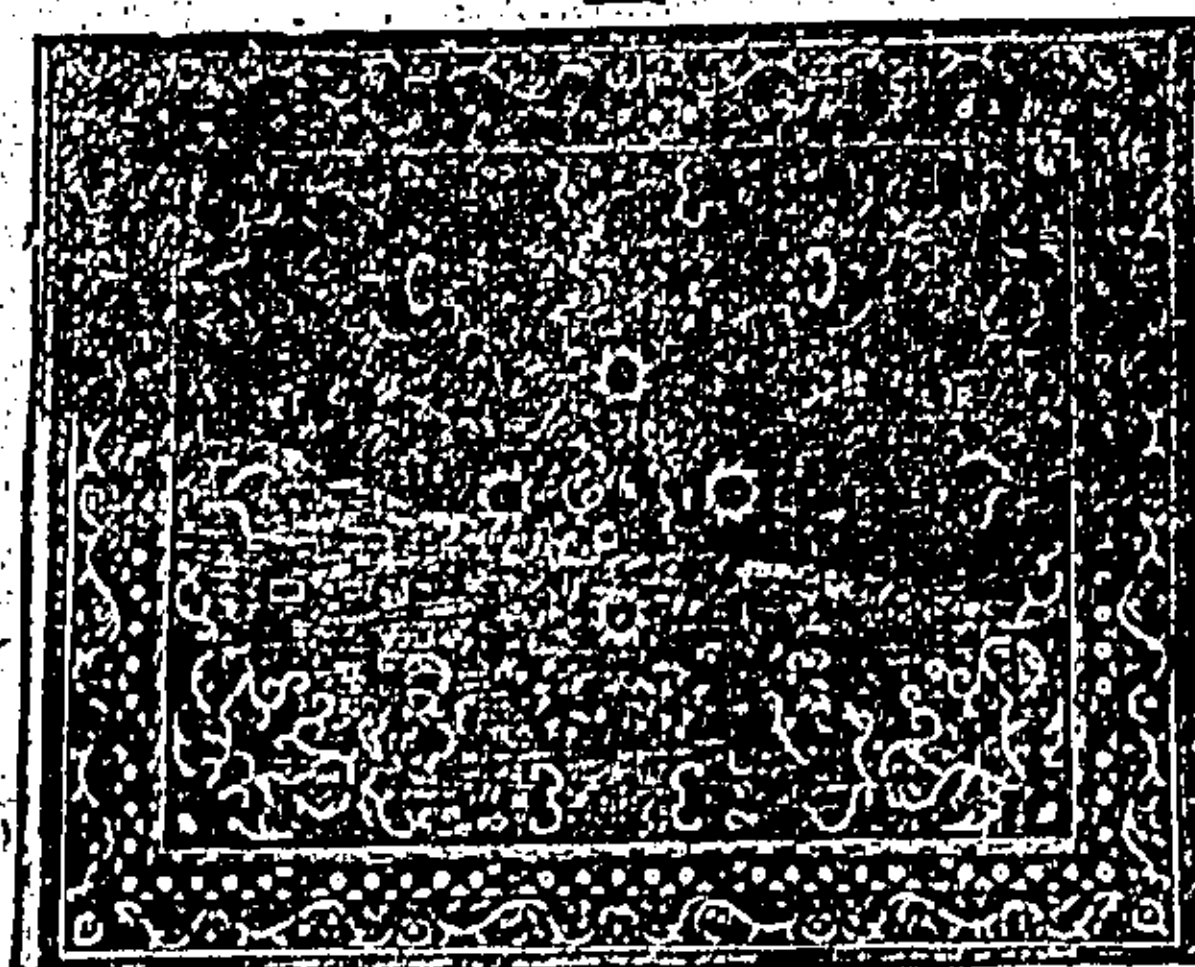
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INCREASE IN C LONY'S IMPORTS.

NOVEMBER FIGURES TWO MILLION DOLLARS MORE THAN OCTOBER.

JAPAN MAINTAINS POSITION AS CHIEF EXPORTER: UNITED KINGDOM FALLS TO SIXTH PLACE.

The Statistical Branch of the Imports and Exports Department states, in its monthly report on the trade of the Colony, that imports of merchandise during the month of November amounted to a value of \$85,110,372, an increase of two million dollars as compared with October. Although the November import was \$1,600,000 less than the September total, which was the highest figure for the year, the November return was nevertheless \$5,566,097 in advance of the average monthly figures from April-October.

Exports failed to maintain the high figure for October, falling \$4,524,838 to \$42,009,693, as compared with an average monthly figure of \$38,533,300.

DECREASE IN EXPORTS LAST MONTH.

The figures for November are as follows, the October totals appear in brackets:—

IMPORTS.	
Merchandise:—	
\$85,110,372	(\$85,168,170)
Treasure:—	
\$1,232,455	(\$765,410)
Total:—	
\$86,342,827	(\$85,933,580)
EXPORTS.	
Merchandise:—	
\$42,009,693	(\$48,594,831)
Treasure:—	
\$3,704,041	(\$9,189,711)
Total:—	
\$45,713,734	(\$57,784,542)

The following table shows the total monthly values of imports and exports of merchandise during the eight months April-November:—

	Imports.	Exports.
April	38,405,208	35,431,719
May	44,208,287	38,584,867
June	38,582,830	32,143,275
July	50,876,877	34,505,347
August	40,133,181	40,138,193
September	56,772,414	39,507,682
October	85,168,170	48,594,831
November	85,110,372	42,009,693
Total	396,334,439	308,908,980

British Empire 69,384,242 37,750,935
Foreign

The principal trade-recording countries (merchandise only) during the month of November were as follows, the figures for October being given in brackets:—

	Imports.	Exports.
Japan	7,462,473	(7,241,053)
N. China	7,431,571	(7,124,050)
N.E. Indies	6,007,060	(4,706,551)
S. China	6,076,271	(6,085,189)
U.S.A.	5,210,540	(2,598,110)
Indo-China	3,830,550	(3,800,939)
Straits	1,910,770	(1,008,639)
India	1,501,134	(1,084,889)
Siam	1,270,372	(2,108,510)
K. C. Wan	820,740	(968,895)
M. China	808,506	(701,922)
Malacca	778,114	(608,738)
France	537,642	(354,480)
Italy	356,370	(684,220)
Burma	338,113	(482,147)
B.N. Borneo	324,009	(331,187)
Holland	249,683	(206,772)
British Empire	9,465,746	(9,446,425)
Foreign	45,044,636	(43,771,745)

It will be seen from the above imports table that, while Japan maintained her position as the chief exporter to Hong Kong, at a slightly increased figure, the United Kingdom fell from fourth to sixth place; the Netherlands East Indies moving up from fifth to third place and the U.S.A. from seventh to fifth place.

Although the total volume of the import trade showed an increase as compared with October, the share of the United Kingdom declined from \$5,300,938 to \$4,532,512, the latter figure representing a decrease of \$768,426 as compared with the average figure from April to October.

The percentage of the trade recorded by the United Kingdom fell from 11.03 per cent. in October to 8.23 per cent. in November, against an average monthly figure of 9.74 per cent. since April and 13 per cent. in 1924.

Exports to the United Kingdom amounted to \$371,081, a decrease of \$15,051 as compared with October, but \$51,005 above the average since April; the United Kingdom share of the whole export trade amounting to .38 per cent. as compared with .93 per cent. in October, .83 per cent. since April and 1.2 per cent. in 1924.

Imports from the British Empire were valued at \$9,465,746 in November as compared with \$9,446,425 in October and an average of \$9,609,280 since April; the Empire share of the whole import trade being 17.18 average of 17.50 per cent. since per cent. as compared with an April.

British Empire exports declined from \$5,007,215 in October to \$4,591,164 in November, as compared with an average of \$4,718,807 since April; the share of the whole export trade being 10.84 per cent. as compared with an average of 12.25 per cent.

The principal items of trade with the United Kingdom during November are shown below by main groups of articles, the figures for October being given in brackets:—

	Imports.	Exports.
Building Materials	104,360	—
Chemicals and drug	76,344	—
Foodstuffs and provisions	107,894	106,860
Hardware	106,216	(155,054)
Liquor, Intoxicating	66,277	1,307
Machinery and Engines	74,409	(1,307)
Manures	191,415	—
Metals	114,009	(37)
Oil and fats	208,315	—
Paints	(205,330)	—
Paper and paperware	678,411	—
Piece goods	(705,292)	—
Tobacco	291,407	400
Vehicles	(460,092)	(1,800)
Wearing Apparel	44,922	70,329
Animals (Live)	(72,201)	(85,024)

The fluctuations in values of imports and exports of live animals have been very slight during the year, and the November imports of \$927,435 and exports of \$29,553 were up to average. Cattle and pigs declined slightly as compared with October.

Indicative of the activity in the building trade the imports of building materials reached the highest level during the year at \$1,201,018 as compared with \$928,229 in October, while exports moved in sympathy from \$683,004 to the new high level of \$703,073.

Bricks and tiles increased slightly to 2,232,101 pieces (\$30,211). Cement imports continued to appreciate, 279,390 piculs (\$340,241) entering as against 203,001 piculs (\$245,094). Imports from Japan increased from 151,386 piculs (\$180,140) to 224,440 piculs (\$253,802). Exports totalled 220,242 piculs (\$315,720), the bulk of the export, 188,362 piculs (\$249,840) going to South China.

Hardwood imports remained steady at 103,950 cubic feet (\$122,895), while teakwood increased from 24,333 cubic feet (\$30,035) to 33,781 cubic feet (\$40,035). The Canadian share recording a huge increase to 38,903 cubic feet (\$47,688), the remainder coming from U.S.A.

This group showed a heavy decline, imports totalling \$442,607 as against \$648,120, and exports \$242,104 as against \$357,558. Bleaching powder imports increased from 656 piculs (\$13,276) to 1,513 piculs (\$25,286) while chlorate of potash declined heavily to 2,297 piculs (\$38,040). Pharmaceutical products fell from \$230,330 to \$142,035, the British share of the import trade falling from \$57,321 to \$20,640, the German share also declining from \$122,732 to \$49,219; Germany's share of the total imports amounting to \$163,098 as compared with the British total of \$78,344.

South China took \$112,800 of the exports and Macao \$40,059. Chinese Medicines. Although imports valued at \$2,645,431 showed a slight decline as compared with the previous highest figure of \$2,711,255 in October, the figure was well above the average for the year. Exports declined in sympathy to \$1,245,993. The bulk of the imports came from North China.

South China accounted for \$188,172 of the exports and French Indo-China \$168,034. Dyeing and Tanning Materials. This trade fell off heavily during November imports amounting to \$409,101 as compared with \$727,017 and exports \$548,749 as against \$690,453. The British share of the imports fell to the negligible figure of \$3,701, while the German share declined from \$393,659 to \$188,434. Imports of aniline dye (not including indigo) fell from \$202,637 to \$142,395, practically all coming from Germany. Artificial indigo imports also fell from 1,873 piculs (\$360,091) to 1,308 piculs (\$145,428), the German share falling from 1,274 piculs (\$205,140) to 470 piculs (\$53,375). China took the bulk of the exports.

Imports under this head increased by \$1,500,000 to \$17,745,239 while exports declined from \$16,505,798 to \$14,792,663. By groups of commodities the figures for November were:—Brans \$1,010,053 imports and \$787,648 exports; Fish and fishery products, \$2,970,580 and \$2,041,454; Flours \$1,600,094 and \$1,523,138; Grains \$3,306,169 and \$3,190,504; Meats \$307,665 and \$16,819; Sugar \$5,610,965 and \$4,394,185; Fresh vegetables and fruits \$614,927 and \$297,972; Preserved vegetables \$276,197 and \$232,437; Miscellaneous \$2,412,969 and \$2,303,516.

Wheat flour imports recorded an advance from 97,845 piculs (\$880,365) to 104,335 piculs (\$1,418,829), the Canadian share of the trade increasing from 20,178 piculs (\$171,100) to 25,149 piculs (\$211,025). Imports from U.S.A. rose from 73,207 piculs (\$673,235) to 137,413 piculs (\$1,167,003), while the Australian share also increased slightly to 2,418 piculs (\$22,200).

White Rice (Indo-China) fell slightly to 39,573 piculs (\$717,330). Siam rice falling from 104,801 piculs (\$1,291,415) to 98,792 piculs (\$672,632), reports from Siam stating that Bangkok exporters are holding out for higher prices. Saigon white increased from 152,842 piculs (\$1,134,828) to 181,386 piculs (\$1,400,600), while imports from Bangkok declined from 67,028 piculs (\$308,875) to 44,973 piculs (\$163,409).

Game and poultry imports fell from 438,344 birds valued at \$361,024 to 252,008 (\$292,101), beef and mutton imports both falling heavily. Imports of unrefined brown sugar amounted to 137,834 piculs (\$617,830), a slight increase, while refined sugar fell from 469,840 piculs (\$3,304,050) to 469,840 piculs (\$3,304,050). Of this total 403,412 piculs (\$3,263,773) entered from the Netherlands East Indies and 8,686 piculs (\$28,202) from Japan. Refined brown imports amounted to 225,001 (\$1,302,000), all coming from the Netherlands East Indies.

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END OF LENGTHY CASE.

MAGISTRATE DISCHARGES ACCOUNTANT PARTNER.

NO CASE TO ANSWER.

That the defendant had no case to answer, was the finding of Mr. Lindell in the case in which an accountant-partner of the Kwong Chong Loong Hing Kee firm was charged with embezzlement of about \$34,000.

The hearing of the prosecution's case had occupied twenty-three sittings. At the close of their case, conducted by Mr. D. L. Strellett, the defence, represented by Mr. F. C. E. Rendall, submitted that there was no case to answer.

Yesterday, Mr. Strellett cited a number of authorities to show that, in fact, a case had been made out against the defendant.

Magistrate's Finding. In ruling that the defendant had no case to answer, Mr. Lindell said:—

It is clear from the authorities that to prove the crimes of embezzlement, the wrongful and fraudulent misappropriation of money must be established. In the words of Baron Alderson in his judgment in *Rex v. Lloyd Jones*, "It is not sufficient to prove at the trial a general deficiency in account. Some specific sum must be proved to be embezzled in like manner as in larceny some particular article must be proved to have been stolen."

Even if, as in *Rex v. Balls*, a partner can properly be convicted of embezzling the aggregate of certain sums which he had received for and on behalf of his firm, and for which he liable to account but has failed to do so, mere failure to account is not *per se* enough; it must also be proved that defendant in fact misappropriated some money. This case approximates to that of *Rex v. Lambert*.

The real point of these findings lies not so much in the necessity to establish a definite sum as embezzled, but in the establishment of fraud through the actions and/or sayings of the accused. In the present case there is not an iota of evidence to show what happened to the money that appears to be missing. I may have been lost or stolen or lent. I am asked to infer that defendant must have applied it to his own purposes. A Court can draw no such inference; it must be satisfied that the money was in fact, fraudulently misappropriated. Of firm, where, one single cash was stolen or embezzled by the defendant there is no evidence whatever.

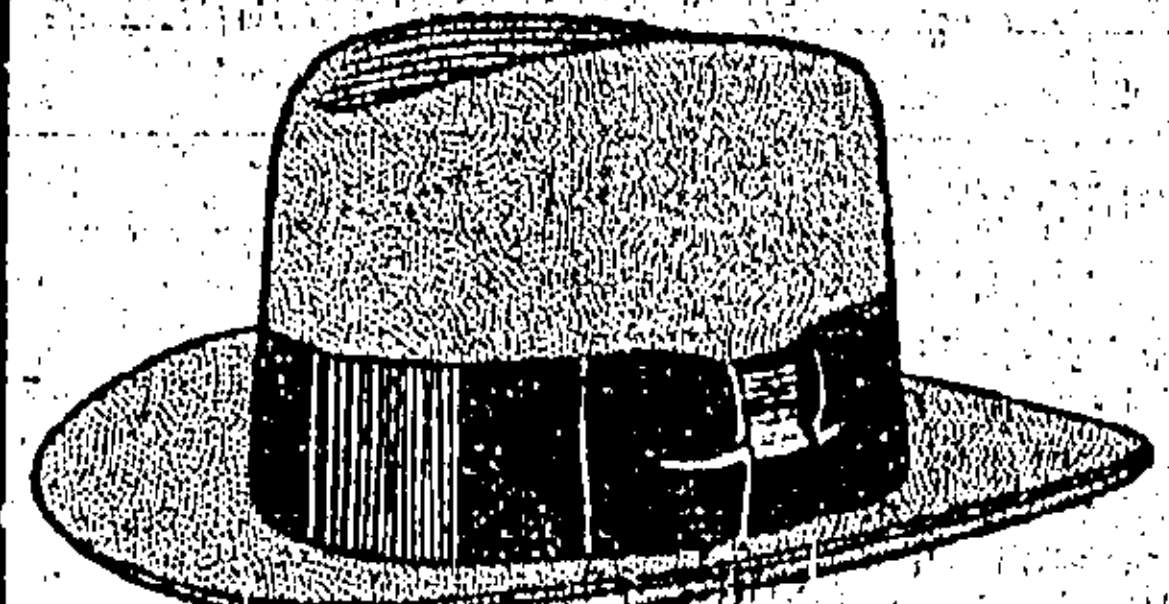
Granted the defendant failed to bring to account in his cash book various sums of money received by the firm, it is not equally possible that he failed to enter up items of expenditure incurred by firms.

Returned Voluntarily. Furthermore, defendant's actions are not those of a guilty man. He does not abscond or attempt to cover up his tracks. The missing money is all accounted for in one or other of the firm's books, and it is common ground that after the warrant was issued defendant returned to Hong Kong voluntarily to face the charge made against him.

Finally the present charge as it stands is obviously bad. The total of over \$34,000 which defendant is alleged to have embezzled includes a sum of \$10,000 which complainant claims to have handed to him in four instalments of the beginning of the Koi Chi year. Had defendant appropriated this sum it would have been larceny and not embezzlement, in that the money was already in the ownership of the firm.

A similar objection seems to apply in the case of the other sums involved. Even assuming there was misappropriation, we are left entirely in the dark as to whether it was committed in circumstances amounting to embezzlement or larceny. It is a clear principle of law that every accused person is entitled to know the exact nature of the charge or charges he has to face. Here there is no such exactitude. In fact, if we came back to *Rex v. Jones*, the criterion laid down by Baron Alderson cannot be applied.

On these several grounds I hold that the defendant has no case to answer and he is accordingly discharged. I may add that even were the charge as framed to be maintained, I should almost certainly discharge the defendant on the merits. I was not at all impressed by complainant's demeanour in the witness-box, and though Chan Tin Mah hardly made a creditable witness, the whole evidence is not such as a jury could reasonably accept.

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WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 6.33 p.m., stated:—

The anti-cyclone remains central over the lower Yangtze Valley. Strong monsoon along the S.E. coast of China and over the N. China Sea.

Local Forecast: — N. winds, strong; fine.

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CHRISTMAS DAY.

We wish all our readers a very happy Christmas. Despite the fall of the dollar, and the badness of trade we believe that most of those in the Colony who celebrate Christmas will contrive to put their cares away at least for the one day.

Where the Englishman and his family go they take certain things with them—cricket and racing, fair play in business and government, and something of their religion.

If there is no church, services of a kind are held now and then in private houses, and Christmas is observed with the customary rites of the table, with presents, and with parties for the children in the afternoon, and for adults in the evening.

Christmas is one of the five great festivals of the religious year, but as a social celebration it is not, of course, observed all over Christendom. England, Germany and Russia keep it, but in France and Scotland New Year is the great day, and in Holland the feast of St. Nicholas is the children's day.

In Puritan England all merry-making was frowned upon, and it is to one great and generous-hearted man, CHARLES DICKENS, that we largely owe the revival of Christmas.

Everyone, keeps Christmas. Puritanism, of the sour kind, is dead, and the conscientious atheist excuses himself when he joins the feast by declaring that it is only the Roman Saturnalia or the Scandinavian Yule-Tide, dressed up in a sentimentalised guise. The early Christians boldly fixed the celebration of Christ's birthday at Saturnalia time, and it is something to have turned the satiric revels of the glooming god into the merry innocence of the children's day.

It is like hearing a cheerful carol after reading an atheist post, say, SWINBURNE; or, again, it is like passing from a Chicago night club to the breaking-up party at a British school. Christmas is, above all things, light-hearted and child-like.

Even when the children have gone to bed we pull crackers, and do all we can to retain their high spirits.

Most of us remember Christmas days far back into the mists of our early childhood; recollections of the delicacies of mid-day dinner, with the dessert that we liked far more than the pudding, of opening stockings of the cold mornings, and irrelevant little incidents that we remember for no apparent reason.

When pretty nearly everything else of that time or of our lives has been forgotten. Sometimes the most ridiculous little things live on in the mind, but this storehouse of the memory is to most of us a very happy possession.

The modern generation of parents, brought up when the clouds of a harsher age were breaking but had not been wholly dispelled, have a fierce determination to shield their children from the dismal, the superstitious and the unkindness of the old days. They have made Christmas the symbol of the wider and kinder outlook, and Christmas, the joyful, or, in some cases, the might-have-been joyful, day of their own youth is going to be the real thing now.

It is a great pleasure to see how many Chinese people are responding to the Christmas spirit. It is easy to say that the presents from the compradore and the decorations of Chinese shops in Central District and Nathan Road are merely a wily playing up to the foreigner when he is in generous mood. There is no reason, after noon, why business and goodwill should not go hand in hand. When an honest deal is made the pleasure of buyer and seller is genuine on both sides.

In Hong Kong the European community celebrates Chinese New Year to a minor degree. And at least we do our best to let our Chinese employees and servants enjoy themselves. The common phrase is—"It's their Christmas."

INDIA'S WOMEN WANT PEACE.

The attempted assassination of the Governor of the Punjab, Sir GEORGE GREY DE MONTMORENCY, though a most unfortunate incident, has no political significance. There are crack-brained people everywhere who wish, and who try, to put the world right by the use of the murderer's pistol or bomb. India has always suffered from more than her fair share of this type. The fact that six shots could be fired in a crowded room might at first suggest that the primary offender was surrounded by a gang of accomplices.

On the other hand, a shot ringing out suddenly leaves a crowd dazed for the moment, and it is no surprise that the gunman should be left unmolested for a few seconds. A trained soldier or policeman knows how to act in such a crisis, but to the average civilian the situation is apt to be unnerving. It is satisfactory that two arrests have already been made.

Meanwhile the Indian Round Table Conference has got to grips with the very centre of the Indian problem—the age-old tension between Moslems and Hindus. It is significant that the two women, representing the respective parties, should appeal for Hindu-Moslem unity. The Begum SHAH NAWAZ said in a burst of characteristic eloquence: "As sisters we expect of you, as daughters we beg of you, and as mothers we demand of you that you should come to a settlement."

Mrs. SABBARAYAN, the Hindu woman delegate, in endorsing the Begum's appeal, said: "Whatever our creed we are all Indians, and it is to our common citizenship in the future that we must turn our hearts. If safeguards are necessary now they should be such as will not hinder the development of common Indian citizenship, and to every project let us apply the principle, will it make or mar progress towards Indian nationhood?"

It would appear, in fact, that the women of India have more common sense than the men, though doubtless the latter would say that women were incapable of understanding the issue! It would not be the first time that women have seen the folly of disputes and fighting and playing for small points when great issues are at stake. No one would minimise the difficulties arising out of racial and religious differences in India, but it is a helpful sign that the women's representatives should agree that unity is the primary need, and to it disagreements must be subordinated.

It may be an unduly optimistic belief, but many people think that with the education and emancipation of India's women the major problem in that land will vanish like morning mists.

★ News and Views ★

Ancestors!

A French committee seeking descendants of all those who fought in 1080 at the battle of Hastings has found only 200 people with the necessary documentary proof.

Ex-Convict's Plait.

An ex-convict at the Old Bailey, complaining that he could not obtain work, remarked, "When people ask me where I was last employed I can't say Dartmoor or Parkhurst, can I?"

Wage Out for All Italians.

The wages of all Italian workers are to be reduced by 8 per cent. A proposal to this effect was submitted to the Government by the Confederation of Industry and has been accepted by the workers.

10 Daughters 6ft. High.

In the House of Commons Mr. G. D. Hardie (Springburn, Glasgow), said he knew of a farmer who had ten daughters, all of whom were over 6ft. in height and who had become most efficient scientific farmers.

Italian Ex-Minister Deported.

Dr. Ernesto BELLONI, the first Fascist Mayor of Rome, and Signor Belletti, a former Minister of Industry and Commerce, have been sentenced to five years' deportation to the "islands of compulsory residence" for alleged mismanagement of the Milanese finances.

New Play by W. B. Yeats.

Mr. W. B. Yeats, who, as a dramatist, has been silent for some little time, has written a play for the Abbey Theatre, Dublin, where it was produced. It is in prose, and quite short, and it deals with an incident in the life of Dean Swift. The title is "The Words Upon the Windwpane." Mr. Yeats is the author of many plays, most of them in verse, and all critics at least admire the extraordinary beauty of the language chosen for them. "The Shadow's Waters," "The Land of Heart's Desire," "The Wind Among the Reeds," and "In the Seven Woods." There speaks the true poet.

Royal Book-buying.

The Queen has been buying books to include among her Christmas presents, and has also visited the exhibition of the Oxford Press books. Few other members of the Royal Family are so bookish as the Queen, who not only reads a great deal and keeps herself in touch with modern fiction, but is bibliophile enough to be acutely aware of the slightest change in the arrangements of the library at Windsor Castle. The King, not a great reader himself, likes the Queen to read to him after dinner. The Prince of Wales rarely becomes enthralled by a book, and did not take an active part in the discussions on the restocking of the book shelves at Marlborough House during the renovations two years ago. Prince George and Prince Henry are sometimes to be found in a Picaresque book shop. They usually choose "thrillers."

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London Brains "Second-Rate?"

Business men in Glasgow were told by Baillie P. J. Dollan that the city must get rid of the notion that it was "the second city of the Empire." London intelligence, he said, was second-rate; there were few people more provincial than those controlling the commercial, industrial and art institutions in London.

Oil Scarcies in London.

Rumours of a scheme for the marketing of a species of industrial alcohol at 8d. a gallon to compete with petrol have had a short and not a very gay life. Scarcies of this kind are about as common in the oil market as those about synthetic rubber in Mining Lane. They are disturbing to some investors, but most are inoculated against them by this time. About industrial alcohol, two points are surely relevant. First, does the suggested price of 8d. per gallon include any allowance for tax? Second, have any scientific calculations been made of the cost of large-scale distribution?

Wedding Ring Thrown at Husband.

When William Evans, a middle-aged ship's officer, of Cross-street, Ilington, N., was charged at Clerkenwell with obtaining money by fraud, he referred to his wife. The woman, who was sitting at the back of the court, took off her wedding ring and threw it with great force at Evans. The ring missed him and went to Counsels' box. It was recovered and handed to the magistrate, Mr. Pope, who, after examining it, said: "This ring is hardly worthy of the occasion—it is rolled gold. Your wife after visiting you in prison wrote asking me to deal leniently with you. Now apparently she thinks differently." Evans was sent to prison for three months.

The Gaol Strike.

It is satisfactory to learn that the prisoners' strike at Victoria Gaol shows signs of breaking up. The incidents of the past week have evidently convinced the higher authorities that sundry warnings in the past from the staff of the gaol were well founded. If a gaol is overcrowded trouble is bound to ensue, and it is most unfair to leave a prison staff to cope with conditions that make a proper discharge of their duties almost impossible. A number of escapes and other events in the prison should have sounded the warning, but unfortunately there seems to have been official deafness. No one suggests that prison life should be anything but hard and unpleasant enough to act as a real deterrent to offenders, but under British rule certain standards are expected in prisons. There should be a code of administration which prevents abuse and is in itself an answer to accusations of abuse within the prison walls. Undue economy in prison service, like under-payment of responsible officials, is an expensive saving in the long run. Hong Kong is not so poor that it cannot model this important Government department on proper lines.

★ Local Notes and Events ★

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The Hong Kong Engineering & Construction Co., Ltd. and reduced inform us that they are removing their offices on the December 31, 1930, to Room Nos. 5 and 6 on the fourth floor of the Chung Ting Building (formerly King Edward Hotel).

We understand that the river boats, Charles Hardouin and Paul Beau, which were sold by public auction some time ago, will again be placed on the Canton run in a week or two. The vessels have been in dock for repairs, and while it is probable that the former will be out in a few days, the latter will not be out for another week or so.

The two steamers will maintain a nightly service between Hong Kong and Canton and will berth at their old wharf.

The local Sikh Community, and all those interested are informed that Birth-Day of Sir Guro Gobind Singh Ji will be celebrated at the Sikh Temple on Saturday, the December 27. Heads of Departments and Private firms are requested to grant a holiday on the day to their Sikh employees. Arrangements for meals to all comers both morning and evening have been made by the Committee of the above Institution.

An appliance from the Central Fire Station had just returned from Connaught Road, where a chimney fire at King's Building needed attention shortly before noon yesterday, when another call for assistance came from D'Aguiar Street.

The appliance was dispatched by way to the row of shop houses at the flower stalls. A wooden shed on the roof was the cause of the trouble and the fire was extinguished with hand buckets.

SUMMARY OF NEWS.

Local.

Trade figures for the Colony for November show an increase in imports and a decrease in exports.

The Magistrate discharged a Chinese in an embezzlement case which has occupied twenty-three sittings at Central Magistracy.

Judgment was given for Messrs. Carmichael & Clark in their action against the Me-Wah Spinning Company for \$500.

Benjamin & Potts' Share Market Report.

Shipping Intelligence.

Xmas-tide wireless programmes.

Sport.

Charity Cup match teams for today.

Home football fixtures for tomorrow and Saturday.

Furling starting times during the holidays.

Test Cricket Match between M.C.C. and S. Africa commenced yesterday.

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CHINA'S EXCISE DUTIES.

COTTON YARN, MATCHES AND CEMENT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

NANKING, Dec. 24.

The Central Political Council adopted the Regulations for the collection of excise duties after January 1, 1931, on cotton yarn, matches, and cement.

The excise duties on cotton yarn will be collected on the new Haikwa gold unit basis, while the excise duties on matches and cement will be collected on the basis of the Chinese national currency.

Foreign goods under the above classifications are to pay excise duties in addition to the regular import duty, but no other forms of taxes will be collected.

Chinese native goods of the above description which are to be exported from China are exempted from payment of the excise duties.

The excise duty on cement will be 60 cents Chinese currency per 250 pounds; and the excise duty on matches will be \$5 Chinese currency per large case (presumably 50 gross boxes) and \$10 Chinese currency on an extra large case.

The excise duty on cotton yarn will be 2.5 Haikwa gold units per 100 catties for cotton yarn under 23 counts, and 3.25 Haikwa gold units for yarn above 23 counts.

Altogether there are 10 classifications of goods which will come under the special tax. The above three are the first to be promulgated, and the other 16 are expected to be promulgated before the end of the year.

LONDON FOG CLEARS.

TRAFFIC CONDITIONS NOW NORMAL.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

LONDON, Dec. 23.

To-day the fog, which has hung over London and its suburbs for three days, cleared, after causing trouble and delay to incoming workers in the morning.

By late afternoon, traffic conditions were normal, but a local mist at Croydon prevented the arrival or departure of air liners.

ATTACK ON PUNJAB GOVERNOR.

ASSAILANT POSSESSED A REVOLVER AND A KNIFE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LAHORE, Dec. 23.

The Governor, Sir Geoffrey de Montmorency, went straight to bed without lunch, but is progressing satisfactorily.

The names of the student assailants are unknown.

One is a Hindu who received a degree to-day.

A donkey procession arranged in order to ridicule the users of foreign cloth has now been abandoned.

The attempt on the life of Sir Geoffrey de Montmorency occurred in spite of precautions taken to prevent it.

Admission to the University Hall was regulated by permits, and special police arrangements were made.

The shots came from a block of seats occupied by students.

The police arrested one student while he was actually firing, and they seized a revolver, a knife and some cartridges which he had in his possession.

Police Inspector Dead.

The police inspector who was wounded in the attempt on the life of Sir Geoffrey de Montmorency died this evening.

The lady doctor, Miss McDermott, is in a serious condition.

It now transpires that the assailant, who is not a student, managed to enter the hall without a permit.

YEN HSI SHAN'S PLEDGE.

TO REFRAIN FROM POLITICAL INTRIGUE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Dec. 24.

A message from Dairen states that Marshal Yen Hsi Shan has arrived there, and is proceeding to Gensan (Korea) before going to Japan.

It is authoritatively stated that before Yen Hsi Shan left Tientsin, the Japanese Consul-General got him to give a pledge that he would refrain from political intrigue while in Japan.

"POISON FOG" AGAIN APPEARS IN BELGIUM.

MYSTERY STILL BEING INVESTIGATED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BRUSSELS, Dec. 23.

"Poison fog" is reported to have reappeared in the stricken districts. One fatality has occurred at Tilleur, whilst several serious cases are reported from Fiemble and Hermal le Souhuy.

The fog first made its appearance on December 9, when hundreds of people were seriously affected, besides over 60 losing their lives.

The victims were seized with sudden pains in the throat and chest.

Many theories were advanced to account for the phenomenon, one being that a certain chemical dust in the air united with moisture and formed a toxic gas.

One doctor categorically stated that the thick fog was alone responsible, maintaining that gas from factories could not be the cause.

In response to the desire of the Queen, on her return from the fog-stricken area, it was announced that an exhaustive inquiry would be opened to ascertain the elements of which the death-dealing fog was composed, a special commission of six professors being established to investigate the matter.

The result of this inquiry has not yet been announced.

It now appears that the death at Tilleur was due to an escape of gas from a cracked pipe.

Nevertheless, the authorities are carrying out investigations in the localities affected, and are taking samples of the atmosphere in sealed tubes.

MERAPI ERUPTION HAVOC.

WHOLESALE DESTRUCTION OF VILLAGES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE HAGUE, Dec. 23.

The latest report from the Governor-General of the Dutch East Indies states that 40 villages have been totally or partially destroyed by lava from the Merapi eruption, whilst a number of other villages have been evacuated.

Hundreds of head of cattle have been killed, whilst crops have been extensively destroyed.

Death-Roll Now Eight Hundred.

BATAVIA, Dec. 23.

The death-roll from the eruption at Merapi is now unofficially reported to be over 800.

The refugees from the eruption number 24,000.

The number of dead cannot be officially confirmed owing to the poison-gases making a large area inaccessible.

The inhabitants of several of the isolated villages have been rescued, as it is now possible to cross the lava, which the rain has cooled.

The temperature of the lava immediately after leaving the crater was 1,350 degrees centigrade.

JAPANESE DIET CONVENED.

GOVERNMENT'S ABILITY TO WEATHER STORM.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Tokyo, Dec. 23.

The Diet, which was convened this morning, will be formally opened in the presence of the Emperor on the 26th inst.

Both Houses will adjourn on the 25th inst. for the New Year Recess until January 21, when the Diet will settle down to real business.

As the Government party has a clear majority of 276, compared with the Seiyukai 171 and the others 22, serious opposition to the proposed Bills is not anticipated in the Lower House, though the Labour Union Bill, which the Government is anxious to have passed, is expected to be shelved by the Press.

The Opposition's main attack in the Lower House is expected to be directed against the Government's alleged failure to take proper steps to deal with business depression, while the Government is also likely to be attacked on grounds that its decision to float Unemployment Relief Bonds is tantamount to a reversal of its proclaimed policy of no loan issue.

Other points on which the Government is expected to be attacked are its oppressive attitude towards the Press, and the alleged maladministration in Formosa, resulting in the recent uprising of the aborigines.

While the Minseito's majority in the Lower House should assure the Government's ability to weather the storm, the internal strife over the question of party leadership, if Mr. Hamaguchi is unable to attend the Diet, after the New Year Recess, may tend to weaken the Government's position to some extent, though probably not seriously.

AN AERIAL TERROR.

COULD BOMB 4 CAPITALS IN ONE FLIGHT.

Geneva.—M. Massigli, the French delegate, sprang a surprise on the Preparatory Disarmament Conference here when he took the German commercial aeroplane G.38 as an example in emphasising the menace of civil machines as offensive weapons in war.

"An interview which a member of the crew of the German machine gave to a Spanish journalist showed that G.38 could be rapidly turned into a terrible war machine," said M. Massigli.

"It could be adapted to carry four guns of small calibre capable of firing during flight, as well as several machine-guns. It could fire on all sides and in the rear."

Five Tons of Bombs.

"Five tons of bombs could be carried and, operating, for example, from Saragossa (Spain) as a base, G.38 could drop these on Paris, London, Brussels and Rome, and return to the base without having alighted. It would be possible for G.38 to fly at an altitude of 6,000 yards when fully loaded."

If such a machine could be built in a country where by the law of 1923 it was forbidden to construct any aircraft which could carry cannon and machine guns, what could happen in countries where no such prohibition existed, asked M. Massigli.

Count Berstorff, the German delegate, retorted with a quotation from the French expert, M. Brocard, to the effect that civil machines were weakened by preparation for war use.

An article in the draft convention ensuring publicity in the matter of civil aviation was adopted by 12 votes to nil.

The Dean of Worcester, Dr. Moore Ede, pleaded the First Offenders Act at Worcester Police Court when he was summoned for not giving notice that he was keeping petrol in stables in the deanery garden.

Two other summonses under the Petroleum Acts were withdrawn. Mr. W. R. Mathews, inspector under the Petroleum Acts, said he found 30 gallons of petrol in the stables, over which people were living.

Dr. Ede pleaded guilty to the charge of keeping petrol in the stables, and was fined £20.

He did not remember being served with a notice about the Petroleum Acts. Dr. Ede was fined £1, "I admit I deserve to be fined," said the dean.

ROUND-TABLE CONFERENCE.

BEGUM'S IMPASSIONED APPEAL FOR UNITY.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUMY, Dec. 23.

In order to keep in touch with the affairs of the Indian Round Table Conference, the Prime Minister has abandoned his usual Christmas visit to Lissimouth and will remain at Chequers. He has arranged a conference with officials and expert advisers for Saturday and Sunday next.

The Minorities Committee of the Round Table Conference held its first meeting this morning, the Prime Minister presiding.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald said the settlement of the minorities question was essential to the political progress of India, and that was not only the British view but was shared, he was sure, by every enlightened Indian, irrespective of his community or special interests. It was a question, moreover, which ought to be settled by the Indian representatives among themselves. It would be no good Indians starting working on a constitution and then asking outside authority to settle one of the essential conditions of its working.

The Chairman concluded by asking the delegates, in stating their cases and making suggestions, to bend all their energies to creating an atmosphere of goodwill and progress.

Eloquent Appeal by Women Delegates.

The Indian women delegates, the Begum Shah Nawaz and Mrs. Sabbarayan, intervened with an eloquent appeal to the Hindu and Muslim representatives to settle their differences.

The Begum said the time for speeches was past, and the time for solid constructive work had arrived. When were they going to settle the minority differences, if not now, when they had come 7,000 miles at a tremendous sacrifice for the sake of their country and with the object of becoming masters in their own home? Was it wise that they should remain divided in their ranks? She begged her Hindu brethren and her Muslim brothers to think that the success of all their mission lay in Hindu-Muslim unity, and she asked the Hindus to be generous and the Muslims not to be too exacting.

"Speaking for the women of India, the Begum said: 'As sisters we expect of you, as daughters we beg of you, and as mothers we demand of you to come to a settlement now.'"

Mrs. Sabbarayan supported this appeal out of an earnest desire that India should become a united nation.

She said: "Whatever our creed we are all Indians, and it is to our common citizenship in the future that we must turn our hearts. If safeguards are necessary now, they should be such as will not hinder the development of the common Indian citizenship, and to every project let us apply the principle, will it make or mar progress towards Indian nationhood?"

She hoped that with the help of the Chairman, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, and of the whole British delegation this most thorny question would be settled so that in future India might find peace, happiness and contentment.

A general preliminary discussion followed, and the Committee adjourned until after Christmas.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Hindu-Muslim Differences Discussed.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

To-day was the first time that the vexed question of Hindu and Muslim differences has come within official cognisance at the Round Table Conference, whose progress has so far been delayed by the failure of the two communities in private meetings to settle the dispute.

Both at the Conference have said that they want full self-Government, but they are at variance on the question of the continuance of separate electorates, which the Muslims now have.

Prime Minister's Appeal.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

Strong appeals to the minorities of India to settle their differences was made by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald.

The minorities sub-committee at the Round Table Conference to-day, also by the only two women delegates at the Round Table, Mrs. Sabbarayan (a Hindu) and the Begum of Shah Nawaz (a Muslim).

[Continued on next column.]

AMERICAN BANKING SENSATION.

WILD-EYED DEPOSITORS STORM-BRANCH.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, Dec. 23.

Amidst the continuing crop of bank failures throughout the United States, a major sensation has been caused by the closing to-day of the Chelsea Bank and Trust Company, of New York City.

The bank was a small institution by comparison with most of the New York banking concerns, and it was mainly patronised by theatrical folk.

It is estimated that the total amount of the deposits in the bank is \$318,000,000.

Scenes in Bronx.

A crowd of 300 wild-eyed depositors tried to storm the bank's branch in the Bronx district when the closing notice was exhibited at the main entrance.

They were only repelled by a dozen armed policemen, who flourished their revolvers when the situation became pressing.

The police remain guarding the bank premises as a precaution.

Alarmists Arrested.

Disturbing rumours regarding the Chelsea Bank are alleged to have been spread anonymously by telephone.

Two men have been arrested and are held in custody on a charge of circulating false information.

Stream of Reported Closings.

Meanwhile the stream of reports of bank closings in other parts of the country continues.

The City Bank at Miami Beach did not open to-day following yesterday's run on the City National Bank of Miami, whose failure was reported yesterday.

Two small banks at Hartford, Connecticut, have also closed.

SCHOOLBOYS' THRILLS IN AFRICA.

THEIR TROPHIES OF THE HUNT.

Carrying bundles of assegais, there alighted from a train at Fenchurch-street station recently a party of—no, not Zulus—English public schoolboys.

They belonged to the party which left London last August for a tour of East Africa, organised by the School Empire Tour Committee. One did not return: he liked East Africa so much.

Some of the things they saw which will never be forgotten were the eyes of leopards glowing in the glare of car headlights, white and black hippopotami drinking at streams, birds of brilliant plumage, and a lion, seen unfortunately by only a few of the party, as it sprang across the path ahead of their car.

Some of the boys have brought back heads and skins of African animals—gazelles and elks—which they shot themselves.

Mr. A. K. Wickham, the Eton master, who was in charge of the party, said: "All the boys are taller and everyone is in better health than when we started."

About a dozen hope to return to East Africa as farmers or Government officials.

Mr. MacDonald said: "It is no good your starting a working Indian constitution and asking any outside authority to settle one of the essential conditions of a successful working constitution. Therefore, I hope you will bend all your energies to creating an atmosphere of goodwill and progress."

The Begum Shah Nawaz appealed to her Hindu brethren to be generous, and to her Muslim brothers to trust them as compatriots.

The Begum appealed to her Muslim brethren not to be too exacting, and to show the Hindus that the Muslim knows how to be generous.

She appealed on behalf of the women of India to settle their differences now and not disappoint their Chairman, who had won the gratitude of the whole of India by trying to bring them together.

Mrs. Sabbarayan, as a woman whose first thoughts were directed to her fellow-delegates, to realise their responsibilities to future generations and settle their unfortunate differences.

A general discussion then opened, and the sub-committee adjourned till after Christmas.

BRITAIN'S COAL INDUSTRY.

"SPREAD-OVER" PRINCIPLE ACCEPTED.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUMY, Dec. 23.

The Miners' Federation announced to-night that by a small majority the districts have accepted the "spread-over" principle, enabling the Federation to give the sanction required by the Coal Mines' Act to validate in many districts the settlements already negotiated.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 23.

It is announced that the coal districts by a small majority have accepted the recommendation of the Miners' Conference to accept a temporary "spread-over" of hours without reduction of wages.

Mr. A. J. Cook said to-day that the Federation was not satisfied with the form of "spread-over" now operating in Scotland and South Wales, and there was still danger of a stoppage in South Wales unless the owners and miners were able to agree before December 31.

Mr. T. Shinwell, Minister of Mines, is going to Scotland to talk to the owners and miners.

INDIA'S PRESS ORDINANCE RENEWED.

ADDITIONAL ORDINANCES PROMULGATED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

NEW DELHI, Dec. 23.

Lord Irwin has issued an Ordinance renewing, subject to certain changes, the Press Ordinance, and also the Unauthorised News Sheets and Newspapers Ordinance, both of which recently expired.

The Viceroy has also promulgated an Ordinance concerning non-payment of liabilities, including taxes.

Incitement to Sedition Forbidden.

An Ordinance has been promulgated forbidding the instigation to acts of sedition.

LATER.

PANDIT MALAVIYA, JUN., RELEASED.

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 23.

The Government of India has ordered the unconditional release of the Pandit Mohan Malaviya, who some time ago was removed to hospital from the Naini Gaol owing to illness.

[A Reuter telegram from Calcutta on October 8 stated that the two pandits, father and son, Krishnakant Malaviya and Madan Mohan Malaviya, were each sentenced to one year's rigorous imprisonment on the charge of sedition.]

TEST CRICKET MATCH.

SOUTH AFRICA BATTING.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 24.

In sunny weather and on an easy wicket, before a small attendance, Chapman won the toss and sent in South Africa.

The following were the scores at lunch-time:—

South Africa—First Innings.

Curnow, l.b.w., b Tate	13
Mitchell, c Hammond, b Voce	8
Seidie, b Voce	13
Catterall, b Voce	5
Viljoen, c Duckworth, b Peables	7
Balaskas, not out	3
Cameron, b Peables	0
McMillan, not out	8
Extras	6

Total (for 6 wickets)..... 61

LATER.

Taylor was unfit, and was replaced by Viljoen (Oriskland West).

LATER.

Newson (Transvaal) was selected as the eleventh man for South Africa.

The England team is as follows: Chapman, White, Wyatt, Peables, Turnbull, Duckworth, Hammond, Hendren, Leyland, Tate and Voce.

AMERICAN RE-DISCOUNT RATE LOWERED.

NEW YORK SETS NEW LOW RECORD.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, Dec. 22.

The New York Federal Reserve Bank has reduced its re-discount rate to two per cent., which is the lowest on record, and which compares with three per cent. in Boston and three and a half per cent. for all other Federal Reserve Banks.

UNITED STATES RELIEF TO UNEMPLOYED.

HUGE PUBLIC WORKS EXPENDITURE.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.

President Hoover announces that the total expenditure of the Federal Government in 1931 on public works will amount to \$144,800,000, or approximately \$1,000,000,000.

PRINCE OF WALES RECOVERS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 23.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has now recovered from his chill.

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FANLING GOLF.

STARTING TIMES DURING HOLIDAYS.

TO-DAY.

9.20 a.m.	N. K. Littlejohn and J. G. Campbell.
9.24 "	G. W. Reeve and W. Malcalby.
9.28 "	A. Leach and A. E. Lissaman.
9.32 "	C. Thomson and A. J. R. Wolff.
9.36 "	G. T. May and C. H. M. Andrew.
9.40 "	A. O. Brown and H. Hampton.
9.44 "	R. M. Ellis and W. J. Clark.
9.48 "	J. H. Fox and J. Cleland.
9.52 "	T. Low and W. N. Fleming.
9.56 "	D. J. Keogh and A. Ritchie.
10.00 "	A. C. I. Bowker and V. R. Gordon.
10.04 "	J. W. King and J. D. A. Hutchison.
10.08 "	I. H. Geare and L. R. Anderson.
10.12 "	J. G. Allison and P. Morrison.
10.16 "	E. Stone and Capt. Davison.
10.20 "	J. Coulthart and L. Fox.
10.24 "	E. M. Bryden and D. S. Robb.

BOXING DAY.

9.20 a.m.	S. H. Dodwell and L. G. Dodwell.
9.24 "	R. H. D. Wade and R. L. S. Webb.
9.28 "	H. W. Bulley and T. S. Marshall.
9.32 "	J. H. Raikes and S. J. H. Yates.
9.36 "	H. C. B. Watson and J. Gardner.
9.40 "	J. P. Warren and R. K. Valentine.
9.44 "	W. W. MacKenzie and T. S. Whyte-Smith.
9.48 "	J. Coulthart and C. P. Ross.
9.52 "	L. A. R. Duncan and G. Thomson.
9.56 "	W. C. Clark and J. P. Sherry.
10.00 "	A. Ritchie and V. R. Gordon.
10.04 "	C. Thwaites and J. MacKnight.
10.08 "	C. H. M. Andrew and G. T. May.
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10.32 "	F. P. Fletcher and A. W. Hodges.
10.36 "	A. N. Macfadyen and Q. A. A. Macfadyen.
10.40 "	T. D. E. Pender and H. U. Ireland.
10.44 "	A. R. Cox and J. Forbes.
10.48 "	C. J. O. Hill and M. A. Annett.
10.52 "	L. Yates and R. K. Batchelor.
10.56 "	A. F. Judd and R. W. Taplin.
11.00 "	W. A. Butterfield and R. E. Atwell.
11.04 "	A. E. Lissaman and P. Morrison.
11.08 "	C. W. Jeffries and N. K. Littlejohn.
11.12 "	T. Lindars and J. E. Richardson.
11.16 "	L. S. Greenhill and E. D. Matthews.
11.20 "	W. C. Clark and J. P. Sherry.

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1 Qt. Martell's XXX Brandy.	1 Qt. Vio de Paste Sherry, Y.S.
2 Qts. King George IV Gold Label or Perfection Whisky.	1 Phial Pomeranian Bitters.

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1 Pt. G.F. Peppermint.	1 Qt. Ancestral Sherry.
1 Pt. D.O.M.	1 Qt. Paritan Old Tom or Dry Gin.
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CHARITY FOOTBALL.

MEETING OF ENGLAND AND SCOTLAND.

TO-DAY'S MATCH AT THE VALLEY.

A large crowd is expected to be present at the Club ground, Happy Valley, this afternoon, to watch the football match between England and Scotland in the International Charity Cup Competition.

The match will start at 3.30 p.m. and the teams will probably line out as follows:—

England:—Clucas (goal); Dixon and Martin; Holley, Dowman and Bliss; Peacock, Grimwood, Maggo, Redgate and Skinner.

Scotland:—Clarke (goal); Blackburn and Henderson; McBlashan, Oram and Duncan; McKenna, Hay, Hughes, Fraser and Campbell.

Reserves:—Strange, O. Pile, T. Pile, Gatchouse, Ineson and Skinner (England); Rodger, McBride, Alexander, McKelvie, Christie, Wyllie and Brown (Scotland).

England will play in blue and Scotland in white.

The Pipe Band of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, by kind permission, will play before the start and during the interval.

LOH HWA FOOTBALL TOURISTS.

ANOTHER INVESTIGATION IN SHANGHAI.

The China National Amateur Athletic Federation not seeing their way clear to nominate two members to the special commission appointed by the Shanghai Football Association to investigate and report on the status of the Chinese players concerned in the recent soccer tour, the Association has appointed its own commission of four members. The commission will commence its work as soon as the necessary number of acceptances to agree on it have been received.

The Green Howards were awarded two points and one goal in respect of the First Division match for which Loh Hwa defeated on December 13; Loh Hwa to be reprimanded and fined.

It has been decided not to send a team to Tientsin this Christmas.

Police Interpell.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Shanghai Football Association approval was given to an application from the Police Recreation Club to send a senior team to Hong Kong, to play against the Hong Kong Police, early in the New Year, subject to strict observance of the Rules governing such tours, and to the understanding that in no circumstances would the tour be permitted to interfere with the junior engagements of the Police Recreation Club football team.

SUNDAY CRICKET.

The following will represent the Volunteers on Sunday at 11 a.m. on the Royal Navy ground:—E. J. Mitchell (Capt.), A. Reid, A. C. Beck, N. A. E. Mackay, E. V. Gitting, J. MacFarlane, W. E. Hunt, B. U. Stock, R. H. Griffiths, G. C. Burnett, and P. W. J. Pfander.

OXFORD ROWING COACHES.

THREE OLD BLUES FOR BOAT RACE TRAINING.

The Oxford rowing captain has chosen three coaches for the boat race training. They are Mr. Pat Mallam, Mr. A. Campbell, and Mr. Stanley Garton, all of whom are old Blues.

Campbell stroked Oxford in 1922, Mallam rowed in 1923-1924, and Garton in 1925-1926.

HOME FOOTBALL.

ENGLISH AND SCOTTISH LEAGUES.

WEEK-END PROGRAMME.

The following are the League football matches arranged for tomorrow and Saturday:—

BOXING DAY.

Division I.	
Arsenal	v. Manchester C.
Aston Villa	v. Chelsea.
Derby	v. Blackburn.
Huddersfield	v. Newcastle.
Leeds U.	v. Birmingham.
Leicester	v. Sunderland.
Liverpool	v. Grimsby.
Manchester U.	v. Bolton.
Middlesbrough	v. Wednesday.
Portsmouth	v. West Ham.
Sheffield U.	v. Blackpool.

Division II.	
Bradford	v. Millwall.
Bristol C.	v. Swansea.
Clapton O.	v. Port Vale.
Exeter	v. Cardiff.
Fulham	v. Burnley.
Northampton	v. Notts Forest.
Reading	v. Tottenham.
Southampton	v. Bradford C.
Stoke	v. Mansley.
West Brom.	v. Walsall.
Wolves	v. Oldham.

Division III. (Southern).	
Bournemouth	v. Coventry.
Brighton	v. Bristol R.
Clapton O.	v. Norwich.
Crystal P.	v. Brentford.
Fulham	v. Newport.
Northampton	v. Swindon.
Notts C.	v. Southend.
Queen's P.R.	v. Queen's P.R.
Thames	v. Gillingham.
Torquay	v. Luton.
Watford	v. Walsall.

Division III. (Northern).	
Carlisle	v. York.
Gateshead	v. Stockport.
Hartlepool	v. Nelson.
Hull	v. Halifax.
Lincoln	v. Darlington.
New Brighton	v. Doncaster.
Rochdale	v. Southport.
Tranmere	v. Rotherham.
Wigan	v. Accrington.
Wrexham	v. Chesterfield.

SATURDAY.

Division I.	
Arsenal	v. Blackpool.
Aston Villa	v. Manchester U.
Blackburn	v. Liverpool.
Chelsea	v. Grimsby.
Derby	v. Leicester.
Huddersfield	v. West Ham.
Manchester C.	v. Sunderland.
Middlesbrough	v. Bolton.
Newcastle	v. Wednesday.
Portsmouth	v. Leeds U.
Sheffield U.	v. Birmingham.

Division II.	
Barnsley	v. Port Vale.
Bradford	v. Oldham.
Bristol C.	v. West Brom.
Bury	v. Burnley.
Cardiff	v. Swansea.
Charlton	v. Bradford C.
Everton	v. Plymouth.
Reading	v. Tottenham.
Southampton	v. Preston N.E.
Stoke	v. Millwall.
Wolves	v. Notts Forest.

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Thames	v. Queen's P.R.
Torquay	v. Newport.
Watford	v. Fulham.

Division III. (Northern).	
Carlisle	v. Chesterfield.
Crowe	v. Accrington.
Doncaster	v. Gateshead.
Hartlepool	v. Halifax.
Hull	v. Stockport.
Lincoln	v. New Brighton.
Nelson	v. Rochdale.
Tranmere	v. Barrow.
Wigan	v. Darlington.
Wrexham	v. Southport.
York	v. Rotherham.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Airdrie	v. Morton.
Ayr	v. Clyde.
Celtic	v. Falkirk.
Cowdenbeath	v. Queen's P.R.
Dundee	v. East Fife.
Hearts	v. Rangers.
Leith	v. Aberdeen.
Motherwell	v. Hibernians.
Partick	v. Kilmarnock.
St. Mirren	v. Hamilton.

It is a paradox of cricket that the first-class professional player does not as a rule receive first-class pay. By joining the wealthy clubs of the North he ascends in the financial but descends in the cricket scale. A good player can obtain a league engagement for 20 or 22 weeks at a salary of £200 or £250 a week. This means an income of £4,000 or £5,000 in the season. Only the celebrities in the best countries make £500 a year. Moreover, the league professional is rewarded for a 60 or six wickets by a collection on the ground—and this is no small item when the crowd is large.

BRITISH AMATEUR BOXING.

FIFTY YEARS' RECORD OF CLEAN SPORT.

Celebrating this year the first half-century of its existence the Amateur Boxing Association of Great Britain and Northern Ireland is able to look back upon a remarkably record of sport promotion. Boxing was at a low ebb when a group of hard-hitting amateurs, any one of whom might have gained highest honours in the professional ring, brought together half a dozen reputable clubs and formed the association.

To-day amateur boxing as practised in England is the sport of thousands of clubs in this country, the Dominions, America and Europe. International tournaments and tours help to cement the friendship which clean sport in the ring always produces.

Thanks to the A.B.A., boxing is now a recognized sport in the schools of Great Britain and Ireland, and is firmly established among the Universities, the Hospitals, the Army, Navy and Air Force, and the Fire Brigade and Police, all of whom have their individual championship. Dates of the principal championship meetings are listed in the Travel Association Calendar for 1931 and again given in periodical issues of "Coming Events." No more enjoyable evening for the lover of ringcraft, can be spent than that at the ring-side of an important amateur club or tournament.

Unbeaten Amateur.

There have always been in the amateur ranks of British boxing many men equal in skill to the best of the professional class. Harry Mallin, now instructor to the Metropolitan Police Force, of which he is a member, is an outstanding example. Middleweight Olympian and British champion, never beaten in the ring, and only once in his life knocked off his feet, and that early in his career, Mallin shows to what heights an amateur boxer can rise.

Many of the amateur clubs in England, it may be noted, are glad to offer the hospitality of their gymnasiums and their rings to visiting amateurs from other countries during the winter and spring, and any visitor who would like to try his skill against the pick of these clubs should not fail to pack his boots and "try his luck" against some unknown. It will keep him fit and provide a pleasant memory to take to his overseas club.

Teams of the best amateurs available are frequently sent overseas by the British Amateur Boxing Association. As in other sports introduced from England to the Continent they find willing pupils and as years go by often their masters. Teams have been sent in recent years to France, Germany, Norway, Sweden, Holland, Belgium, Hungary, America and Canada. The greatest amateur event of 1931 in boxing is the Championship meeting at the Albert Hall, March 25, when the champions of the London and Provincial Associations, the Services, Ireland, Scotland, the Dominions, and Foreign countries compete during a full day's boxing from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. The headquarters of amateur boxing in Great Britain are the Association's offices, 25, Great James Street, London, W.C.1.

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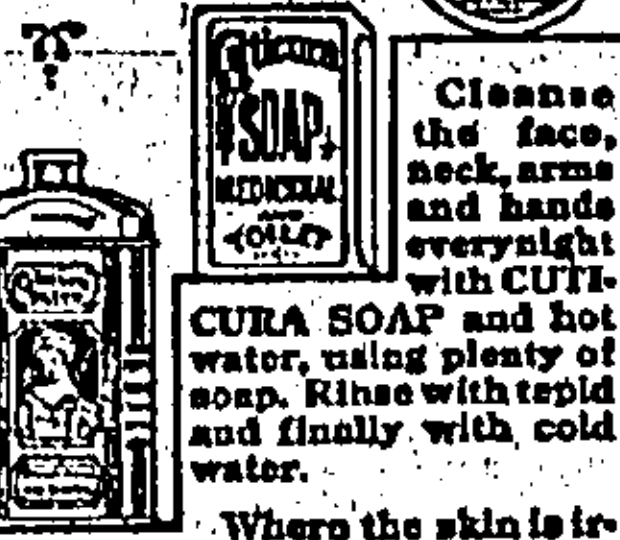
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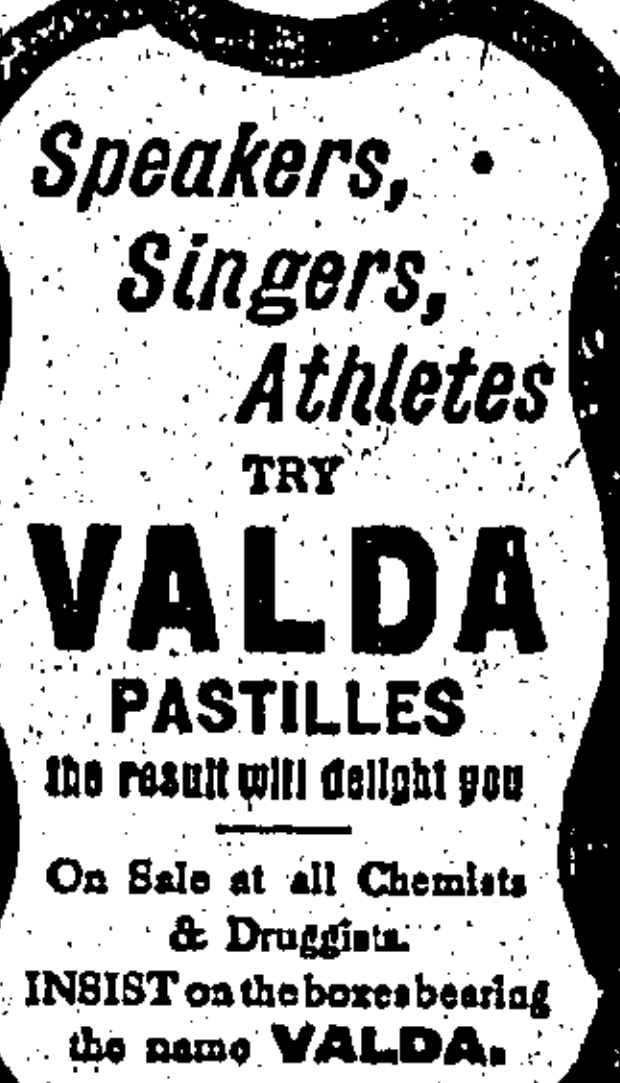
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TWO GIRLS SHOT BY LOVER.

DANCES ON THE WAY TO
DEATH.

Vienna.—"The world is an inn,
 and death is journey's end."

Dryden's fateful line is recalled by the murder of two young women, at their own request, within the ruins of a medieval castle on the desolate mountain of Thebes, in Czechoslovakia.

The murderer, Franz Khristina, twenty-three years of age, a Czech Government official, who was tried for his life at Pressburg, related a strange story of merry-making before death that must be unique in the annals of crime.

My fiancée, Elizabeth Matula, and her friend, Zora Klasovita, I determined to die together because we were all unhappily in love with each other," he said.

"We will go to the Calvary mountain in Thebes, we told each other. The excursion into the realm of death began merrily. Both girls were in excellent spirits. We ate food, sang, and danced at an inn on the way, and made the music play for us without stopping.

"When it became dark we set out for Thebes. The girls wanted me to hurry. 'No, we have time yet,' I said.

"Asked Me to Shoot."

"On the way up I gave Elizabeth my coat because she was cold. When we reached the ruins we sat down. Elizabeth was on my right, Zora on my left, and all three of us cried.

"The girls wanted me to shoot them straight away. I said, 'No, we have still time; we will wait till it is midnight.'

"Elizabeth asked me to shoot her first, but Zora, pushing the revolver into my hands, said, 'Shoot me first!' Still I waited, and Elizabeth said, 'It could have been over long ago.'

"After that I do not remember clearly what happened. All I know is that I shot Elizabeth, and then placed the pistol to my own temple. Zora snatched it away. I took her head in my hands, she shut her eyes, and I fired.

"Then terror overcame me. I rushed down the mountain side and gave myself up to the police."

Khristina's appearance is so striking, and his influence over women is such that no women were permitted to serve on the jury.

He was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment.

EARL WINTERTON STRUCK.

AMAZING SCENE IN HOUSE
OF COMMONS.

There was an extraordinary scene in the House of Commons last month, when, after many tumultuous moments, Mr. Simmons, a Socialist, crossed the floor and struck Earl Winterton across the face with a folded order paper.

This astonishing incident came when the division was called on the Conservative vote of censure on the Government, which resulted in a Government majority of 65, including Liberals, the Government votes numbering 209 and the Opposition 234.

Party feeling was whipped up to an extraordinary height as the debate concluded. Mr. Snowden making a speech which contained a bitter attack on the Dominion policy at the Imperial Conference and another bitter attack on Mr. Baldwin which roused the most violent opposition among the Conservatives.

There was a continual barking of excited and angry shouts, and the Speaker again and again had to call for order.

"Insulting Dog."

At one point Mr. Simmons, a Birmingham Socialist member, angrily demanded if Earl Winterton, sitting on the Conservative front bench was to be allowed to call Mr. Snowden "an insulting dog."

Then, when the division was called, Mr. Simmons, who is lame and walks with crutches, stepped across the floor of the House, approached Lord Winterton, spoke a few words to him, and struck him smartly on the face with a folded order paper.

Earl Winterton did not retaliate, and Mr. Simmons walked out of the House amid a great throng of excited M.P.s.

Mr. Snowden, whose speech was unusually fierce, declared that the Dominions wanted Great Britain to sacrifice everything and were not prepared to give anything of value in return. He said that the Dominions' idea of Imperial unity was to enable them to keep British goods out of their markets.

"We are to place ourselves," he cried, "in economic fetters to the Dominions; as the only means by which Imperial ties can be retained. That is not our policy."

Mr. Baldwin's Question.

When the result of the division was announced, Mr. Baldwin rose and asked the Speaker if it had been reported to him that Earl Winterton had been struck by Mr. Simmons as he passed by, and added that the House would like to know what the Speaker thought of it.

The Speaker replied: "It was brought to my notice that when the House was going to division one honourable member struck another. I said then that I had not perceived the incident myself, but if could not very well judge, but if the incident is as it is now stated it was a most improper proceeding, and an insult not only to the member concerned, but to the House and to myself."

"No doubt, the opportunity having been given, Mr. Simmons will offer an explanation and an apology."

Mr. Simmons, very pale and in tones that were scarcely audible, admitted that he struck Lord Winterton—in response, he explained to what Lord Winterton had said to Mr. Snowden.

"If that is regarded as an insult to the House or to you," said Mr. Simmons, "I should very much like to have an opportunity of expressing my sincere apologies."

This apology was accepted by the House, by the Speaker, and by Earl Winterton.

WOMAN BURIED WITH £1,000 JEWELS.

RIDDLE SOLVED BY
EXHUMATION.

Paris.—Jewellery valued at about £1,000 was on a woman's body exhumed to-day at Vaugression Cemetery, near Paris.

The body was that of a rich Italian named Brayada, who died in 1928, leaving her property to her niece.

When the niece arrived at her aunt's house, she found there her aunt's lover, a man named Valandier, and she declared that a motor-car and a lot of costly furs and jewellery had disappeared.

The motor-car and furs were later restored, but Valandier said the jewellery had been placed in the dead woman's coffin. A magistrate then made the order for exhumation.

Brayada originally made a will in his favour, but cancelled it when he married another woman. They became reconciled, and she intended to make another will in his favour, but death intervened.

BLACKMAIL SCANDALS.

GIRL VICTIMS IN NEW
YORK.

New York.—The administration of justice in New York has been shaken to its foundations by evidence now being adduced by prosecuting counsel in the investigation of magistrates' courts.

Society has been stunned by pitiful stories of innocent girls clapped into prison on false charges of vice, because they could not satisfy the exactions of blackmailing police and crooked lawyers.

One police decoy has sworn that he was used in 160 cases to trap women, and in 30 or 40 cases they were dragged to court even without manufactured evidence.

One girl is still in a reformatory after 18 months, despite her innocence.

Sharing the Loot.

According to his evidence, the police shared the loot with bail bondsmen, dishonest lawyers and court attendants.—Court records indicate that nearly always when the framed victim was defended by a lawyer in the blackmail ring she was discharged, but otherwise she went to prison.

John Weston, Deputy District Attorney for the Women's Court, has confessed that he took more than \$1,000 in bribes from lawyers to keep quiet.

In three days of public hearings, Mr. Isidore Kresel, the special counsel in this inquiry, has laid foundations for possible criminal prosecutions against six lawyers, three bail bondsmen, two policemen, and a member of the District Attorney's staff for bribery; six policemen for perjury; and 28 policemen on charges of conspiracy and oppression.

In addition, 21 lawyers face disbarment action and perjury charges. Police Commissioner Mulrooney has promised immediate trial for those members of his force who are accused, but he has described the charges as incredible.

£138,000 "MADE" ON CHANGE.

HOW CONFIDENCE TRICK
WAS PLANNED.

William Young, aged 62, of Marchmont-street, Russell-square, W.C., and Arthur O'Connor aged 50, of Gloucester-street, Pimlico, S.W., pleaded guilty at Marylebone Police Court, W., to attempting to obtain £3600 from Max Petrasch, of Cleveland-gardens, W., by a trick, but not guilty to being suspected persons.

Detective-sergeant Isaacs said that Young was known as "Mr. Herbert" and O'Connor as "Mr. Bond."

Mr. Petrasch came to England from Vienna on October 1, and while admiring the fountains near the Serpentine was accosted by "Mr. Herbert," who asked to be directed to some place. Some days later they met again, apparently by accident, in Whitehall, and "Herbert" suggested that they should stroll about London together.

"Herbert" said he owned a very extensive farm in New Zealand, which took two days to gallop round. He said he received £2,000 a year from the rental. They met several times and one day were lunching in a restaurant when "Herbert," who appeared to be surprised, saw "Mr. Bond" sitting several tables away. "Herbert" said to Mr. Petrasch, "That is Bond; he is a very wealthy man. He represents seven or eight large banks in America."

Later, they all met again, the detective continued, "Bond" was a very busy man, constantly going to the Stock Exchange, and on one occasion he returned with a very successful deal, having made £138,000 if he could only get the deposit money in the bank by a certain time. "Herbert" was very willing to help. He would put down £4000, and asked what Mr. Petrasch thought. He seemed anxious to join, and said he could get £2000 if they could give him time.

Mr. Petrasch went to Vienna and mustered about £3000. He wired "Herbert," saying he was having it transferred to a well-known bank in the City. He was met at Victoria on his return by "Bond," who told him that everything was all right.

Mr. Petrasch was asked to go to their hotel that night. He did not like the looks of the two men and went to his own hotel. There he had a conversation with the proprietor.

Both were sentenced to three months' imprisonment in the second division. The charge of being suspected persons was withdrawn.

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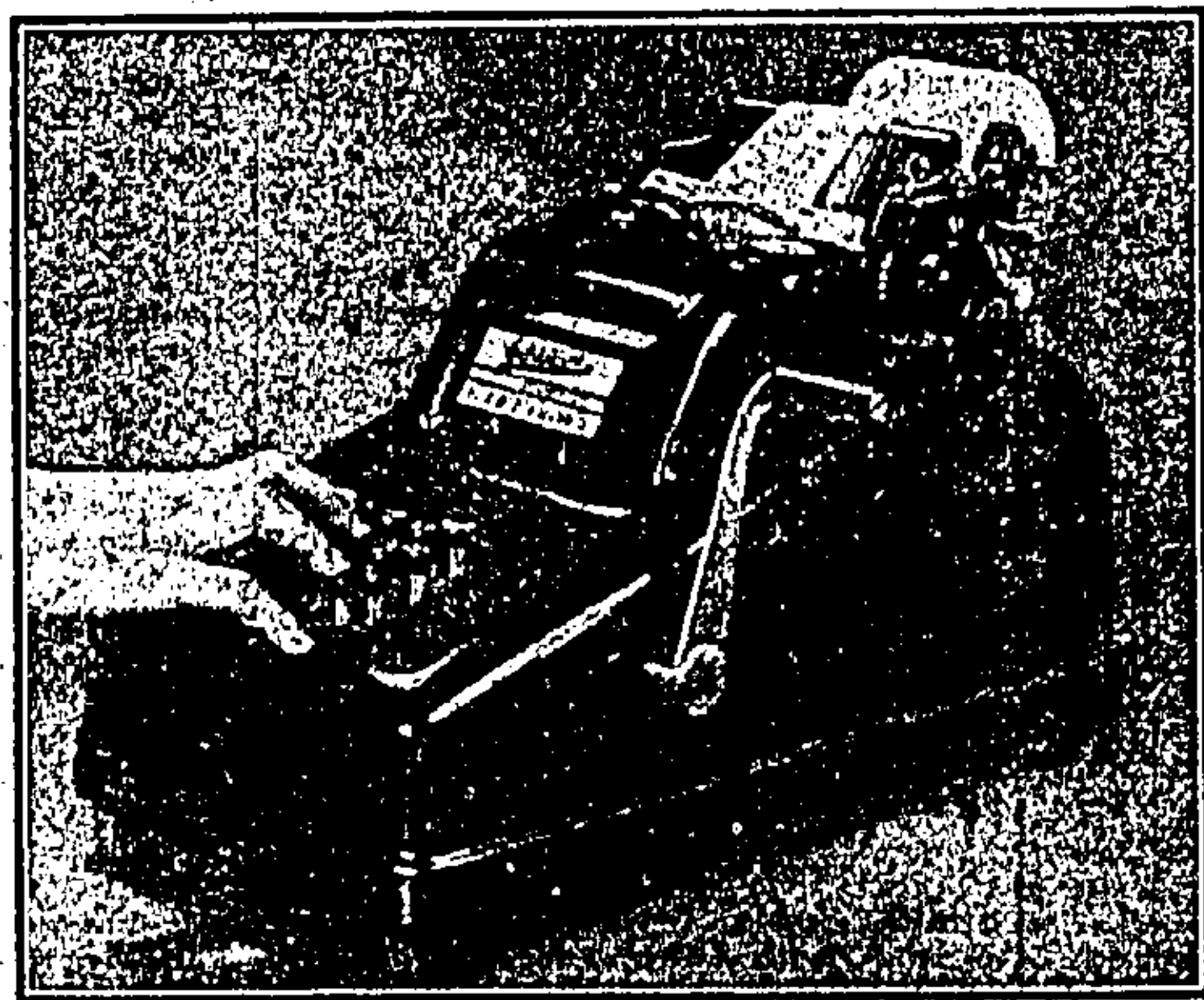
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Hosang, Jardine's, Dec. 30.
Pres. Lincoln, Dollar, Dec. 30.
Carignano, Dodwell's, Dec. 31.
Helenus, B.F., Jan. 1.
Kiddere, P. & O., Jan. 1.
Tatsumi Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 1.
Comorin, P. & O., Jan. 3.
Peleus, B.F., Jan. 3.
Menelaus, B.F., Jan. 4.
Glengarry, Jardine's, Jan. 5.
Sauerland, Johnson, Jan. 5.
Tatsumi Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 5.
Andre Lobon, M.M., Jan. 6.
Nellere, E. & A., Jan. 6.
Pres. Cleveland, Dollar, Jan. 6.
Emp. of Russia, C.P.S., Jan. 7.
Ixion, B.F., Jan. 8.
Pilsna, Dodwell's, Jan. 8.
Talamba, B.I., Jan. 12.
Rames, Johnson, Jan. 16.
Kashgar, P. & O., Jan. 17.
Automedon, B.F., Jan. 18.
City of Wellington, Bank, Jan. 18.
Glenshiel, Jardine's, Jan. 18.
Kumsang, Jardine's, Jan. 20.
Portos, M.M., Jan. 20.
Pres. Pierce, Dollar, Jan. 20.
Shinyo Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 20.
Havel, Melchers, Jan. 24.
Khiva, P. & O., Jan. 25.

KALCUTTA

Sirdhana, B.I., Dec. 25.
Malacca Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 29.
Namsang, Jardine's, Dec. 29.
Suisang, Jardine's, Jan. 5.
Murooran Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 6.
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MARSEILLES

Hakusan Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 23.
Lahore, P. & O., Dec. 27.
Pres. Adams, Dollar, Dec. 28.
Mosel, Melchers, Jan. 2.
Ranchi, P. & O., Jan. 3.
Achilles, B.F., Jan. 6.
Sphinx, M.M., Jan. 6.
Haruna Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 10.
Jeypore, P. & O., Jan. 10.
Pres. Harrison, Dollar, Jan. 11.
Kashmir, P. & O., Jan. 17.
Durban, Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 18.
General Metzinger, M.M., Jan. 20.
Sarpedon, B.F., Jan. 21.
Lahn, Melchers, Jan. 24.
Pres. Johnson, Dollar, Jan. 25.

NAPLES

Hakusan Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 23.
Pres. Adams, Dollar, Dec. 28.
Haruna Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 10.
Pres. Harrison, Dollar, Jan. 11.
Siamese Prince, Furness, Jan. 13.

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Pres. Adams, Dollar, Dec. 28.
Tatsumi Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 5.
Pres. Harrison, Dollar, Jan. 11.
Siamese Prince, Furness, Jan. 13.
Trishank, Bank, Jan. 15.
Pres. Johnson, Dollar, Jan. 25.

NORTH CHINA PORTS

Tatsumi Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 5.
Derfingler, Melchers, Jan. 13.

PANAMA

Tatsumi Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 5.

PENANG

Sirdhana, B.I., Dec. 25.
Hakusan Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 28.
Lahore, P. & O., Dec. 27.
Pres. Adams, Dollar, Dec. 28.
Tokushima Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 28.
Malacca Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 29.
Namsang, Jardine's, Dec. 29.
Cromer, J.C.J.L., Jan. 1.
Ranchi, P. & O., Jan. 3.
Suisang, Jardine's, Jan. 5.
Mirzapore, P. & O., Jan. 6.
Murooran Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 6.
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Hosang, Jardine's, Jan. 10.
Sarpedon, B.F., Jan. 21.
Pres. Johnson, Dollar, Jan. 25.

RABATUL

St. Albans, E. & A., Jan. 2.

RANGOON

Malacca Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 29.
Murooran Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 6.
SAIGON
Sphinx, M.M., Jan. 6.
General Metzinger, M.M., Jan. 20.

SANDAKAN

Hinsang, Jardine's, Jan. 3.
Mausang, Jardine's, Jan. 15.

SAN FRANCISCO

Pres. Lincoln, Dollar, Dec. 30.
Tatsumi Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 1.
Tatsumi Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 5.
Pres. Madison, A.M.L., Jan. 13.
Shinyo Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 20.

SCANDINAVIAN PORTS

Nagara, Gilman's, Dec. 29.

SEATTLE

Pres. Cleveland, Dollar, Jan. 6.
Ixion, B.F., Jan. 8.
Pres. Pierce, Dollar, Jan. 20.

SHANGHAI

Emp. of Canada, C.P.S., Dec. 25.
Kwangsang, Jardine's, Dec. 25.
Tjisondari, J.C.J.L., Dec. 25.
Ceylon, Gilman's, Dec. 27.
Chekiang, B. & S., Dec. 27.
Chuanan, B. & S., Dec. 27.
Hiye Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 27.
Lahn, Melchers, Dec. 27.
Kashima Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 28.
Kwangsang, Jardine's, Dec. 28.
Nanning, B. & S., Dec. 28.
Taming, B. & S., Dec. 28.
Iyo Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 29.
Linan, B. & S., Dec. 29.
Peru, Manners, Dec. 29.
Hopsang, Jardine's, Dec. 30.
Namsang, B. & S., Dec. 30.
Pres. Lincoln, Dollar, Dec. 30.
Sinkiang, B. & S., Dec. 30.
Carignano, Dodwell's, Dec. 31.
Tatsumi, B. & S., Dec. 31.
Holonus, B.F., Jan. 1.
Lecang, Jardine's, Jan. 1.
Tatsumi Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 1.
Tjikembang, J.C.J.L., Jan. 1.
Comorin, P. & O., Jan. 3.
Peleus, B.F., Jan. 3.
Hingsang, Jardine's, Jan. 4.
Megalaus, B.F., Jan. 4.
Soochow, B. & S., Jan. 4.
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Patroclus, B.F., Jan. 9.
Talmu, B.I., Jan. 12.
Derfingler, Melchers, Jan. 13.
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AMOI & SHANGHAI	On 31st Dec.	8 p.m.
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SWATOW & BANGKOK	On 4th Jan.	11 a.m.
SWATOW, AMOI, SWATOW & TIENTSIN	On 5th Jan.	Noon
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Wladivostok	12	29.92	760.0	...	NW	2	...	...	...	...	5	30.00	762.0	...	WNW	1	...	...	...	...
Namuro	11	29.92	760.0	...	NW	2	...	...	...	...	5	29.98	761.5	...	NNW	1	...	...	...	...
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Kobe	...	30.33	770.5	...	N	1	...	...	...	...	...	30.24	767.0	...	NW	1	...	...	...	...
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Kagoshima	...	30.26	768.5	...	N	2	...	...	...	...	...	30.26	768.5	...	ENE	2	...	...	...	...
Oshima	...	30.26	768.5	...	NNE	2	...	...	...	...	...	30.26	768.5	...	NE	2	...	...	...	...
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Bonin Island	...	30.33	771.6	...	NW	6	...	...	...	...	...	30.27	768.8	...	NNW	10	...	...	...	...
Chetoo	14	30.53	775.2	...	WNW	3	...	...	...	...	...	30.54	775.6	...	WNW	4	...	...	...	...
Shanghai	...	30.53	775.4	...	NW	4	...	...	...	...	...	30.52	775.2	...	NW	7	...	...	...	...
Gutai	...	30.43	776.0	...	NE	4	...	...	...	...	...	30.38	771.6	...	ENE	2	...	...	...	...
Wenchow	...	30.31	769.9	...	NE	5	...	...	...	...	...	30.31	769.9	...	N	3	...	...	...	...
Foochow	...	30.31	767.3	...	ENE	4	...	...	...	...	...	30.31	769.9	...	WSW	4	...	...	...	...
Amoy	...	30.31	767.3	...	NNE	3	...	...	...	...	...	30.31	769.9	...	N	3	...	...	...	...
Swatow	...	30.32	770.2	...	E	4	...	...	...	...	...	30.33	770.4	...	E	2	...	...	...	...
Taihu	11	30.32	770.2	...	E	4	...	...	...	...	...	30.35	768.8	...	N	2	...	...	...	...
Taihu	...	30.24	768.0	...	N	4	...	...	...	...	...	30.22	767.5	...	NNW	2	...	...	...	...
Sinan	...	30.22	767.8	...	NNE	4	...	...	...	...	...	30.18	766.6	...	NNW	2	...	...	...	...
Isohama	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30.26	769.7	...	NNE	6	...	...	...	...
Pescadore	...	30.38	767.8	...	N	2	...	...	...	...	...	30.36	771.1	...	N	2	...	...	...	...
Hong Kong	14	31.2	767.6	...	NNE	5	...	...	...	...	...	30.32	770.1	...	N	6	...	...	...	...
Gap Rock	...	30.32	767.6	...	N	4	...	...	...	...	...	30.36	771.0	...	N	4	...	...	...	...
Macao	...	29.22	761.6	...	NE	4	...	...	...	...	...	31.18	763.6	...	NE	6	...	...	...	...
Pohow	...	30.18	765.8	...	NE	6	...	...	...	...	...	30.43	772.8	...	NNW	4	...	...	...	...
Pratas Island	15	31.25	768.8	...	NNE	6	...	...	...	...	...	30.17	766.2	...	NE	8	...	...	...	...
Philico	...	30.05	763.2	...	NNE	4	...	...	...	...	...	29.97	761.3	...	NE	4	...	...	...	...
Tourane	...	29.89	759.3	...	ENE	4	...	...	...	...	...	30.10	764.5	...	NE	4	...	...	...	...
Cape St. James	...	30.04	768.0	...	NE	4	...	...	...	...	...	30.03	762.7	...	ENE	2	...	...	...	...
Basco	14	21.97	761.2	...	ENE	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Apurri	...	29.93	760.2	...	N	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tuguegarao	...	29.87	758.6	...	W	0	...	...	...	...	...	29.93	761.4	...	N	0	...	...	...	...
Vigan	...	29.87	758.6	...	N	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Manila	...	29.87	758.6	...	NE	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Legaspi	...	29.84	767.9	...	NNE	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Calbayog	...	29.84	767.9	...	NE	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tacloban	...	29.84	767.9	...	NE	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Boho	...	29.83	767.6	...	NE	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cebu	...	29.83	767.6	...	NE	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Surigao	...	29.82	767.3	...	NE	4	...	...	...	...	...	29.92	759.9	...	NE	3	...	...	...	...
Salpan	11.00	29.82	767.3	...	NE	4	...	...	...	...	...	29.86	758.5	...	NE	4	...	...	...	...
Guan	12.32	29.80	758.8	...	ENE	4	...	...	...	...	...	29.83	757.7	...	NE	3	...	...	...	...
Yap	11.00	29.82	767.4	...	W	2	...	...	...	...	...	29.83	757.7	...	SW	2	...	...	...	...
Pelau	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Labuan	14	29.82	767.4	...	W	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

December 24. 10A. 37m.—The anticyclone central over the lower Yangtze Valley has spread southward. Strong monsoon along the S.E. coast of China and over the N. China Sea. Hong Kong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.03 inch. Total since January 1, 98-08 inches, against an average of 82.88 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON ON DECEMBER 26.

- 1.—Formosa Channel. ... N.E. winds, strong.
- 2.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Lamook. ... N. winds, strong; fine.
- 3.—Hong Kong to Gap Rock. ... N. winds, strong; fine.
- 4.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Hainan. ... N. winds, strong; fine.

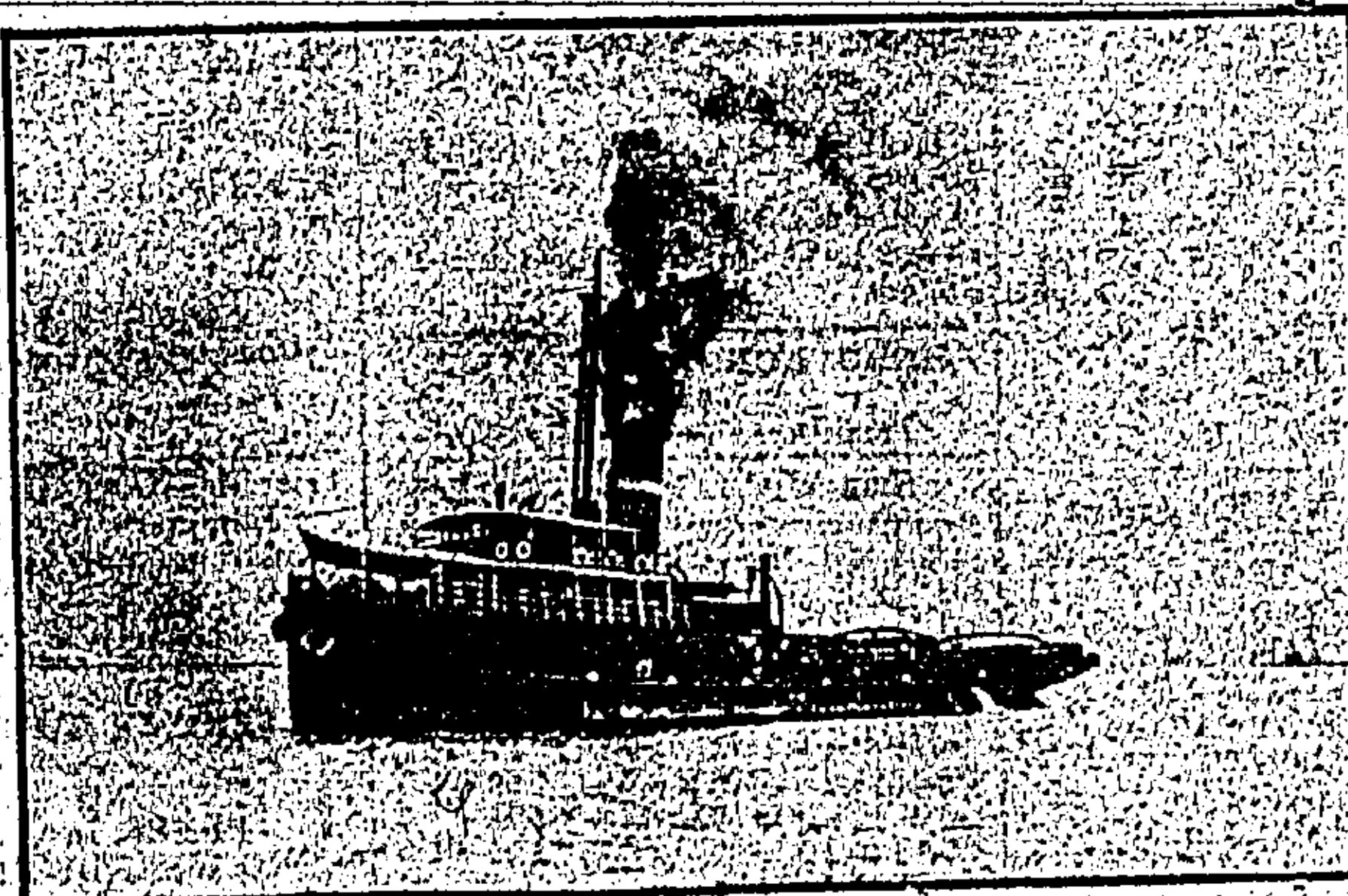
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Empress of Asia	Feb. 18	Feb. 21	Feb. 24	Feb. 26	Mar. 7
Empress of Canada	Mar. 5	Mar. 8	Mar. 10	Mar. 12	Mar. 20
Empress of Russia	Mar. 18	Mar. 21	Mar. 24	Mar. 26	Apr. 4
Empress of Japan	Apr. 1	Apr. 4	Apr. 7	Apr. 9	Apr. 17
Empress of Asia	Apr. 10	Apr. 13	Apr. 16	Apr. 18	Apr. 27
Empress of Canada	Apr. 25	Apr. 28	Apr. 30	May 3	May 14
Empress of Russia	May 5	May 8	May 11	May 14	May 25
Empress of Japan	May 18	May 21	May 24	May 26	June 10
Empress of Asia	June 5	June 8	June 11	June 13	June 22
Empress of Canada	June 20	June 23	June 26	June 28	July 8
Empress of Russia	July 3	July 6	July 9	July 11	July 20
Empress of Japan	July 18	July 21	July 24	July 26	Aug. 6

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† Call at Honolulu on May 8. ‡ Call at Honolulu on June 5.

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EMP. OF JAPAN	Dec. 30	Jan. 1
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TANGO MARU ... Sunday, 11th January

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G. MITZINGER ... 20th Jul.

Shipping News

Daily Statement, Waterfront News, etc.

YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS

IMPORTS 30,800 TONS;
THROUGH CARGO 27,100 TONS.

The returns, shown at the Harbour Office, of vessels carrying cargo to the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday were:

Cargo for Through Ports.

British H.K.

Sirdhana, Osaka 344 1,374

Aenens, Dairen 13 2,620

Haidis, Saigon 8,400

Hydrangea, Swatow 98

Hong Peng, Swatow 880

Tainan, Canton 100

Ixion, Tacoma 5,183

American 14,238 5,024

Oraya Harbour, Tacoma 1,300 210

French Angers, Yokohama 631

General Metzing, Saigon 66 1,232

Tai Poo Sek, Fort Bayard 450

Dutch Tjilowong, Sandakan 1,145 3,280

Cremer, Singapore 330 30

Tjionduri, Sourabaya 4,292 4,380

Danish Jena, Copenhagen 6,030 0,950

Japanese Kenjo Maru, Sakito 4,541

Kasagisan Maru, Milke 3,354

Ilozan Maru, Keelung 684

Andes Maru, Kobe 400 5,418

Total 30,823 27,107

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were:

British Arr. Dep.

American 1 0

French 3 3

Dutch 3 2

Danish 1 1

Japanese 4 6

Chinese 0 1

Portuguese 0 1

Total 10 20

ASIATIC DECK PASSENGERS.

The following vessels brought Asiatic deck passengers to the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday:

Hydrangea (Br.) Swatow 139

Hong Peng (Br.) Amoy 270

Ixion (Br.) Tacoma, Milke 275

General Metzing (French) Marseilles, Saigon 135

Tai Poo Sek (French) Fort Bayard 103

(Continued on next column)

ARRIVALS.

December 22.

Andes Maru, Japanese str., 4,840 tons, Capt. T. Motohige, from Shanghai, buoy No. A24—O.S.K.

Cremer, Dutch str., 2,784 tons, Capt. G. J. Harman, from Singapore, buoy No. A8—J.C.J.L.

Grays Harbour, American str., 5,442 tons, Capt. John Dyke, from Kobe, buoy No. A25—States S.S. Co.

Nordhav, Norwegian str., 3,478 tons, Capt. A. C. Hansen, from Tarakan, North Point Wharf—A.P.C.

Tai Poo Sek, French str., 1,219 tons, Capt. M. Paul, from K. C. Wan, O.M.S.N. Wharf—Wo Hop & Co.

December 24.

Abhui, British str., 2,080 tons, Capt. R. Turnbull, from Amoy, buoy No. B18—B. & S.

Atsuta Maru, Japanese str., 4,940 tons, Capt. Y. Kawashima, from Nagasaki, Kowloon Wharf—N.Y.K.

Chung Kong, Chinese str., 447 tons, Captain Kwok Shau, from Tourane, buoy No. B23—Yau Lee & Co.

Haiching, British str., 1,283 tons, Captain E. Walker, from Fochow, Amoy and Swatow (Douglas Wharf)—Douglas & Co.

Hong Peng-British str., 2,225 tons, Capt. H. G. Hay, from Swatow, buoy No. A29—Ho Thong & Co.

Ilozan Maru, Japanese str., 2,347 tons, Captain H. Oyama, from Swatow, O.S.K. Wharf—O.S.K.

Huichow, British str., 1,222 tons, Capt. D. D. Richards, from Amoy, buoy No. B34—B. & S.

Hydrangea, British str., 561 tons, Capt. P. W. Grierson, from Swatow, Chiu On Wharf—Chiu On & Co.

Ixion, British str., 5,183 tons, Capt. J. Stewart, from Milke, buoy No. A5—B. & S.

Jena, Danish str., 6,030 tons, Capt. A. Hjerum, from Shanghai, buoy No. A3—John Manners & Co.

Kwai Sang, British str., 1,432 tons, Capt. M. Costello, from Canton, buoy No. B32—J. M. & Co.

Nam Sang, British str., 2,591 tons, Capt. F. Mooney, from Kobe, Kowloon Wharf—J. M. & Co.

Nanning, British str., 1,488 tons, Capt. C. Carington, from Swatow, buoy No. B38—B. & S.

Rangoon Maru, Japanese str., 3,538 tons, Capt. M. Hamada, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf—N.Y.K.

Ryubu Maru, Japanese str., 1,081 tons, Capt. O. Esawa, from Hongkong, Taikoo Wharf—D.R.K.

Tjilowong, Dutch str., 3,061 tons, Capt. A. A. Berkhout, from Sandakan, buoy No. A9—J.C.J.L.

Tjionduri, Dutch str., 5,019 tons, Captain P. Meerman, from Muntok, buoy No. A2—J.C.J.L.

Tsinan, British str., 2,100 tons, Capt. J. W. Tinson, from Canton, buoy No. B12—B. & S.

Tjilowong (Dutch) Balik-papan, Sandakan 1,923

Tjionduri (Dutch) Sourabaya, Muntok 890

Ilozan Maru (Jap.) Keelung Swatow 56

Total 3,780

CLEARANCES.

December 24.

Andes Maru, for Singapore.

Atsuta Maru, for Manila.

Cheongshing, for Canton.

Chung Hwah, for Tientsin.

Chusan, for Canton.

Chusan, for Shanghai.

Cremer, for Swatow.

Emp. of Canada, for Shanghai.

Grays Harbour, for Manila.

Haidis, for Hongkong.

Halvard, for Saigon.

Hanyang, for Canton.

Hong Peng, for Singapore.

Hydrangea, for Swatow.

Jena, for Singapore.

Kargisan Maru, for Hongkong.

Kaipoi, for Bangkok.

Kwang Sang, for Swatow.

Mao Lee, for Canton.

Menado Maru, for Pakhoi.

Nanchang, for Canton.

Nanning, for Canton.

Nordhav, for Miri.

Rangoon Maru, for Kobe.

Ryujin Maru, for Miyako.

Sirdhana, for Singapore.

Szechuen, for Canton.

Tai Poo Sek, for K. C. Wan.

Taming, for Swatow.

Tjionduri, for Amoy.

Toyo Maru No. 1, for Dairen.

Tsinan, for Amoy.

SHIPS IN HARBOUR.

The following vessels were in port yesterday:

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Buoys:—A2 Tjionduri, A3 Jena, A4 Ixion, A5 Cremer, B9 Tjilowong, A10 Ganges, B13 Kalgan, C17 Halvard, C19 Helios, B21 Haidis, B24 Andes Maru, A25 Grays Harbour, A28 Hong Peng, B34 Bintang, B30 Cheongshing, B38 Borneo, C47 Kwong Sang, B50 Kengo Maru.

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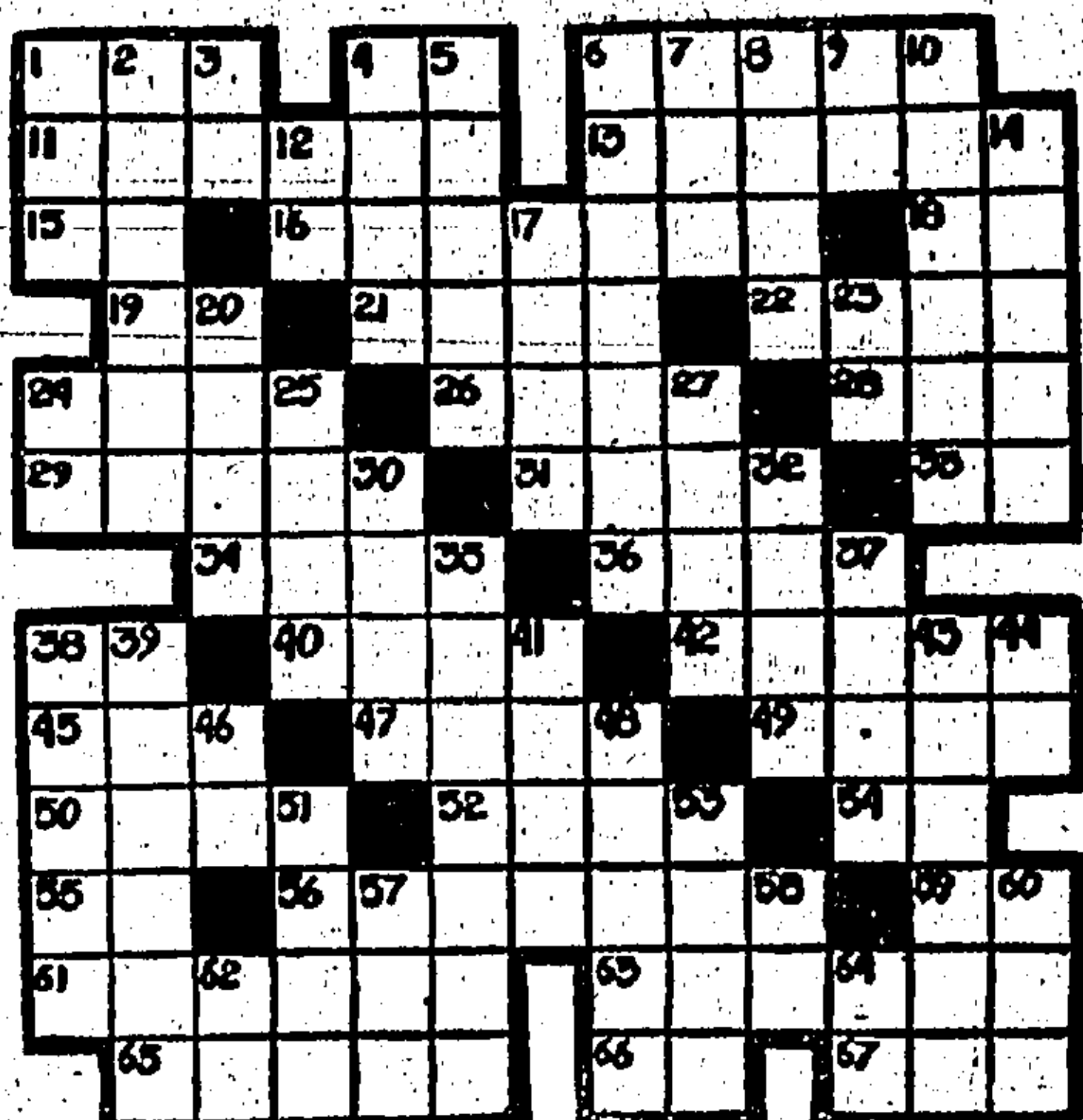
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"KARAPPORE"	7,715	6th Jan, 10 a.m.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
"JEYPORE"	5,318	10th Jan (Mar.)	L'don, Hull, H'bg,

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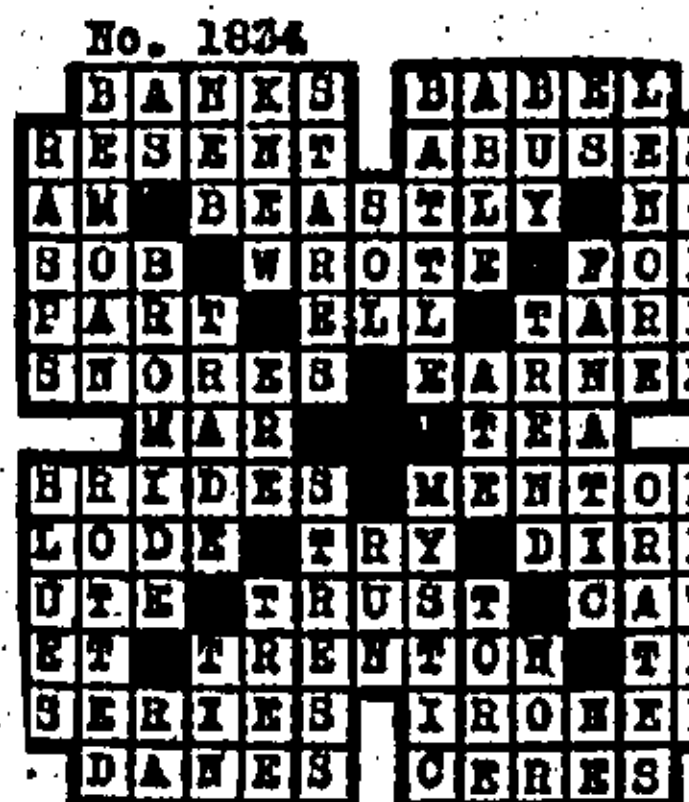


HORIZONTAL

- 1—Demon.
4—Therefore.
6—Insipid.
11—Not so hot.
13—Cheered up.
15—French for "and".
16—Somewhat old.
18—Pronoun.
19—Supposing that.
21—To ward.
22—Narrow opening.
24—Keenly desirous.
26—To disperse.
28—To consume.
29—To deserve.
31—Clock.
33—Comparative ending.
34—Chair.
36—Love god.
38—To perform.
40—Ottoman.
42—Morose.
45—To scrub.
47—Large tub.
49—Prong.
50—Employ.
52—Drunkards.
54—Toward.
55—Pronoun.
56—Leggings.
59—Pronoun.
61—To lower in worth.
63—Rubber.
65—Set day.
67—Prefix: down.
68—Anger.

VERTICAL

- 1—To cool.
2—Inceptive.
3—Italian river.
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7—Everyone.
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